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DECEMBER BOARD WOUND UP A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR 1924—SUM OF $4,020.87 RAISED

On December 26 the H. B. A. Board of No. 1 met in the H. B. A. building, 2508 Fifth Street, Meridian, Miss. No one was entertaiined by Rev. D. H. Watson and his good members of No. 72. It goes without saying we had a real good time. The weather was a bit unfavorable and yet our people came from far and near to witness the first session to be held in our own house. All present enjoyed the session very much. It is a fine spirit to have a desire to own your own house. This spirit is now existing among all H. B. A.'s, and we are moving on just fine. All local presidents expressed a willingness to work hard for the H. B. A., more so in the future than in the past. We now have a loyal set of presidents who are willing to stand by the principals of the H. B. A.

On December 29 we were at Hattiesburg with H. B. A. No. 108. Rev. E. D. Avery, local president. We have visited practically every board for the past ten years, but it is doubtful as to whether we have ever witnessed a more lively and more successful board than the one held at Hattiesburg, and especially is this true when it comes to boards being held in cities. Rev. Avery had been ill, but he had things so well arranged that it did not affect the meeting whatever. We were well cared for along all lines, and especially when the tbale was prepared. As a rule town folks are not able to feed as rural people are for the simple fact they have to buy everything. Well, all I can say is this: if Hattiesburg had it to buy she certainly did buy it, for when we left the tables there was some left.

On December 30 we were on the old tramping ground—the old historic spot of No. 39, J. J. Overstreet, local president. The weather was very unpleasant and yet we had a full house. Brother Overstreet is a live wire and makes things hum wherever he goes adong. He and his people are a law-abiding people—they are always found at their post of duty.

The good pastor of Truelight, I believe, at Hattiesburg, was present and he made a grand talk to the board. His name I do not have just now, but he impressed us as being a real man. Well, Rev. Petterson was not at Mt. Olive, but we know he is made up of the right kind of stuff. We missed Prof. A. Buckley very much. He is always on hand with life and pep. He was ill with a severe cold that had him confined to his bed. The next board meets as follows:

No. 1 meets at Kewanee with No. 20, Rev. M. S. Knott, local president, as well as a general officer. Rev. Knott was elected General Chaplin at the Convention in '23. I do not know of a man more worthy of this honor than Rev. Knott. He is a man who stands for a principle. He has a good lodge and a good loyal set of members. We have lodges with larger membership, but we do not have a more loyal set of people than Rev. Knott and his good people.

No. 2 goes to Narkeeta, Miss., with No. 96. Brother F. L. Key is the hustling local president. Everybody knows F. L. Key. Key does not say much—he shines in doing. Well, those are the kind of men we need. President S. B. Bell was in the race for the board, but it was impossible for both to get it. Bell may get it next time.

The following is the report from each local lodge that paid 25c for publication:

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There are one or two others who have sent in deaths but they failed to pay the building assessment, therefore I am not publishing the names whatever. We have quite a few lodges that have not paid your 1925 building assessment. I have the understanding that any lodge that has not paid or made special arrangements with the General President, is out. There are one or two that have not paid in full for the first year's payment. They seem to be trying to hang on, but my understanding is all such lodges are not in good standing.

R. L. YOUNG,
Secretary.

Mrs. S. A. Magee of Leachs Chapel C. M. E. Church, Collins, Miss., won a nice box of candy for raising the highest amount on G. F. for Rev. R. L. Young. If Mt. Pleasant doesn't spur up Collins is going to put her in the shade.

All rooms and departments of the H. B. A. building are now being occupied. The Secretary's office is the first to the left upstairs. When in town call by and take a peep at your H. B. A. property. To get him at his office call 588; residence 2898-W.

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EDITORIAL

The editor was in Vicksburg, Miss., on January 10 and 11, to pay off a claim in District No. 3 of $220. On Sunday we worshiped with one of our Baptist pastors, Dr. Strawther. He has one of the best churches in Vicksburg. The music rendered by his splendid choir was very, very good. After service we were introduced to the people. A great impression was made upon the people of Vicksburg, and we are confident that we will take Vicksburg in a few months. We had the "bait' for Vicksburg and the fish bit all right without any trouble.

Rev. R. L. Young spent four days last week in Collins, Miss. He and his members are rebuilding their church that was blown down by a storm about 10 months ago. A number of the good Baptist friends assisted in the work. Rev. Young and his people have been worshiping in Macedonia Baptist Church, of which Rev. Gray is pastor. They hope to be back in their own church by their next meeting day if the weather only permits them to continue their work.

If no changes or further notice, Elder E. B. Blackman of the Meridian District, will hold his council at Hattiesburg with Rev. E. W. Washing on February 4.

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DISTRICT No. 1

Lodge No.—	Dues.	Death Claims.	Back Claim.
1	$4.35	$36.00	
2	6.90	56.40	
3	2.85	24.00	
4	4.80	39.60	
5	1.65	14.40	
8	1.05	9.60	
18	1.35	12.00	
20	6.15	50.40	
28	6.60	54.00	
32	3.00	25.20	
60	2.55	21.60	
67	1.50	13.20	
69	3.00	52.20	
72	3.45	28.80	
84	1.65	14.40	
110	2.85	24.00	
111	.90	8.40	1.50
121	3.30	27.60	
125	3.30	27.60	
147	.90	8.40	
172	1.20	10.80	
176	1.65	14.55	

DISTRICT No. 2

11	1.65	14.40	
19	4.20	24.80	
21	5.85	48.00	
22	3.15	26.40	
27	3.90	32.40	
30	2.55	21.60	
33	5.40	44.40	
39	6.90	56.40	
40	5.70	46.80	
42	3.60	30.00	
44	1.35	12.00	
53	3.00	25.20	3.00
54	1.20	10.80	
56	2.10	18.00	
64	8.40	68.40	
70	3.60	30.00	1.50
79	4.05	33.60	
85	3.60	30.00	
93	6.45	52.80	
96	4.05	33.60	
98	4.35	36.00	
100	1.35	12.00	
113	1.75	12.10	
122	1.50	13.20	
134	.75	7.20	
157	1.05	9.60	
161	.90	8.40	
162	1.05	9.60	
185	1.50	13.20	

DISTRICT No. 3

Lodge		Death	Back
23	9.85	84.00	1.50
49	1.80	13.65	
57	21.45	151.20	
58	3.45	25.20	
62	2.55	18.90	
63	2.40	17.85	
66	1.05	8.40	
71	.45	4.20	
74	2.40	17.85	
75	1.05	7.35	
76	4.80	34.65	
77	1.80	12.60	
80	5.40	38.85	
82	10.65	75.60	
92	5.10	36.75	
94	.75	6.30	
95	6.45	46.20	
97	1.50	11.55	
102	6.60	47.25	
103	1.50	11.55	
105	4.35	31.50	
108	6.90	49.35	
109	2.25	16.80	
118	6.60	47.25	
119	8.20	57.80	
120	7.35	52.50	
123	1.95	16.65	
127	7.20	51.45	
131	.90	7.35	
132	2.55	18.90	3.85
133	11.25	79.80	
141	3.00	28.20	
146	2.55	18.90	
148	1.65	12.60	
151	2.70	19.95	
152	2.25	16.80	
153	4.20	30.45	
156	.75	5.25	
159	2.70	19.95	
160	8.85	63.00	
163	1.35	10.50	
165	4.20	30.45	
166	1.95	13.65	
167	3.30	24.15	
168	1.35	10.50	
171	2.40	17.85	
173	4.95	35.70	
174	1.05	8.40	
177	2.40	17.85	
178	2.10	14.70	
179	2.85	21.00	
180	2.40	17.85	
181	3.45	25.20	
183	1.95	14.70	

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. John S. Beal has almost completed his new undertaking parlor. When it is completed it will be the finest that we have seen in the state among our people. We understand that it will be run by his son-in-law, Mr. Henry Strayhorn. Mr. Beal is a member of the H. B. A., and Mr. Strayhorn is a C. B. A. We are always proud to see our people go forward. When the building is fully completed there will be connected with it a first class rooming house as well as a first class restaurant.

Mr. Mat High, owner and proprietor of the Dixie Cafe, has moved into his new building just one door from the corner of the old stand in the Sherrod building. His building is the best and most up-to-date cafe in the state owned and operated by our people.

Bourdeaux Bros, undertakers, are now located in the H. B. A. building. There will soon be three colored undertakers in our city.

Mrs. L. J. Hall of Hattiesburg is the newly-elected president of No. 102. It is believed that the lodge has already taken on new life. In a short while she will have a hundred members. Mrs. Hall is the wife of Mr. L. J. Hall, our undertaker, of Hattiesburg. Mrs. Hall is wide awake and a great leader among the people of Hattiesburg. Big things are expected of her and her people.

Rev. I. C. Harper has organized one or two strong lodges in and around Hattiesburg. We predict that in less than six months No. 3 will have 2,500 members.

Mrs. M. W. Buck, president of H. B. A. No. 121, visited the Secretary's office last Saturday and reported her lodge in a prosperous condition. She is making new members.

The gold watch was won by Rev. I. C. Harper at Mt. Ollie H. B. A. No. 39 on the last day of the board.

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If there is any mistake made we will gladly correct it. If no mistake we have 105 lodges that paid for the publication of their reports. You will note that I have not added the amount you have sent in since the boards to your reports only in a few cases.

Total amounts raised were as follows:

Back death claims	$ 168.00
Back dues	50.00
Total back	$ 218.00
Grand total dues	$ 420.00
Death claims for Nos. 1 and 2	$1,614.62
Death claims for No. 3	$1,540.00
Grand total death claims	$3,322.62
Building fund	$ 152.00

I do not have the exact amount of bond collected, but it was approximately $100.00. For publication, 26.25.

Paid to each back claim in No. 3, $3.00; Nos. 1 and 2, $8.00.

Paid to each claimant in Nos. 1 and 2 for December board, $115.33; paid to each claimant in No. 3, $220.00.

Grand total raised on all claims for the December boards, $4,020.87. This is a splendid showing. We are confident, as has been said, of being our real selves not later than June. By that time we will be paying over $200 as usual, and it is probable that the March boards will net over $200 in Nos. 1 and 2 boards.

We forgot to mention the next meeting place of No. 3. The board of No. 3 will meet at Silver Creek, on the Mississippi Central or Gulf branch. This is a new place where the H. B. A. is recently planted by Dr. W. J. Tate of Prentiss, Miss.

Mrs. E. F. Young has been on the sick list for the past two or three weeks. Her sister, Mrs. Cynthia Taylor, is visiting her in Meridian at 1503 Twenty-sixth Avenue.

Rev. E. B. Blackman is now on his first round. He reported a splendid success at South Meridian with Rev. E. G. Cole and his good people.

Mr. Alonzo Ratliff, one of the officers of Mt. Pleasant C. M. E. Church, Mt. Olive, Miss., lost his wife, Mrs. Effie Ratliff, on December 28. Mrs. Rtaliff was a member of Friendship Baptist Church. She was buried at Friendship cemetery, Rev. R. L. Young, officiating.

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THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF EMANCIPATION HELD AT WECHSLER HIGH SCHOOL, JAN. 1

On January 1, at 1:00 p. m., the Wechsler auditorium was filled to its capacity. It was readily conceded that the program rendered was the best for Meridian that history records.

Haven Institute was first on the program; Haven was not present at the opening and Wechsler took Haven's place on the program with music. Rev. I. S. Pettus of St. John Baptist Church read the opening scripture lesson after which Rev. J. D. Wheaton of Haven Chapel M. E. Church invoked God's blessings upon the congregation. Music by Haven's chorus. Miss Kate Lou White read President Lincoln's proclamation. Music by Baptist Seminary. "Some Signs of Progress," by Rev. D. L. Morgan of St. Paul M. E. Church.

Dr. J. B. F. Shaw, principal of Haven Institute and Consrevatory of Music, was asked to introduce the speaker of the hour—Dean J. R. Reynolds, of Haven Institute and Conservatory of Music.

Dean Reynolds is an orator from the manor born. He held his audience spellbound for at least one hour. His subject, "The Price of Ignorance," was well treated. We heard people exclaiming, "I could have listened to him until night." The music was grand.

The programs for these occasions have been under the auspices of the Business Mens Civic League for the past few years, but from now on the programs will be in the hands of the people of the city. Much praise is due the League for the wonderful and excellent program rendered on Jan. 1.

New officers were elected as follows: Rev. S. A. Rivers, President; Prof. T. J. Harris, Secretary; Prof. G. M. Reece, Treasurer.

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A NEGRO MAGAZINE WILL MAKE ITS BOW TO THE PUBLIC ON FEBRUARY 15

The Commercial Service Company, with office at 2508 Fifth Street, in the H. B. A. building, is offering $5 for a name of an all-Negro magazine they will begin publishing in February.

The nature of the magazine will be a mixture between or on the order of the American, Digest, Saturday Evening Post and The True Story, True Romances and The Confession Magazine. It will recite our progress, reveal our struggles and joys as well as sorrows in every phase of life that will bear publication.

The contest is open to any colored person. You may suggest as many names as you desire. Competent, disinterested judges will pick the winning name.

Get busy and send in suggestions to—

THE COMMERCIAL SERVICE COMPANY
2508 5th Street, Meridian, Miss.

Dear Editor: Greetings to you and family. I hope you had a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

Permit me to speak in behalf of the people of Mt. Pleasant circuit. We feel proud to know that such a man as Rev. R. L. Young has been sent to us as pastor. We gladly welcome him for we feel that he can master the situation. He seems to know no failure. When others grow wearied he seems to cheer up with a smile, forever saying, "Keep the faith. On his first pastoral visit to Mt. Pleasant C. M. E. Church he raised $43.00, G. F., and would have raised much more had it not been for a death in our community—Mrs. Effie Ratliff. With such men as Rev. R. L. Young and Prof. W. M. Turner, principal of our training school, success is ours. Both of these men are of college training. —Prof. Turner from Alcorn College and Rev. Young from Paine College. They go at things with a vim. They like to meet Mr. "I Can,' but they dont care for Mr. "I Can't."

Yours for the uplift of humanity,
MISS EFFIE REESE,
Mt. Olive, Miss.

Prof. W. M. Turner, principal of Covington County Training School, is a member of the Baptist Church, but he was one of the first to pay his $1 general fund to Rev. R. L. Young. Rev. Young collects G. F. from both Methodists and Baptists.

Miss Effie Reese of Bassfield, Miss., is teaching at the Covington County Training School, Mt. Olive, Miss. Miss Reese is a splendid young woman, and will prove a credit to any community in both school and church work.

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NOTICE

All presidents are asked to send in your second payment on the H. B. A. building for 1925. This applies to those who have not paid their full assessment for the year. The first payment as you may know is at least 25c, after which it is 10c per quarter until the 55c is paid. Those who have not paid anything for 1925 will have to pay 35c to get in good standing. The second payment is due March 1. I want to ask each president to get his report in not later than March 1. Instead of paying just 10c you should pay your 55c and be done with it. It means more to you as well as to our payments. We are doing exceptionally well on our payments. Our property is bringing in a nice sum in the way of rent. Brother J. W. Smith does all the renting and collecting on the property. The Secretary will send out building report blanks in a few days, but you need not wait until your blanks come—Just begin your collecting.

E. F. YOUNG,
Gen. President.

NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS

Whenever you send money to the Secretary or President please put a stamp in your letter if you wish a receipt from them. They will furnish the envelope if you furnish the stamp. As you probably know, our expense fund is not great enough to take care of all these small matters. We have a roll of 188 local lodges and that means something.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

Dear Editor: What will you charge us to publish the doings of our church and society?

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H. B. A. NEWS

Mr. J. W. Smith, president of H. B. A. No. 110, reports that his lodge is in better condition than it has been for some time. He states that his lodge has a nice bank account and is out of debt.

President O. C. Easley of No. 33 reports his lodge in splendid condition. He has made two new members since the last Board.

President G. R. Roberts of No. 5 Whynot, Miss., is doing well. He has just sent in his 55c building fee for his lodge.

Rev. E. D. Avery, president of No. 108, Hattiesburg, is doing well. He reports a death in his lodge since the Board.

President F. L. Key reports his lodge in a prosperous condition. He has sent in three renewals since the Board.

President I. M. Martin is on the sick list, and has been ever since the Board. We hope to see him up as early as possible. He has had two members to renew.

Presidents M. V. B. Pitts and F. Ott of 28 and 21, report their lodges in good condition. Both have had renewals since the Board.

President J. J. Jackson of 116 has renewed his whole lodge since the Board. He reports things in good shape now.

President J. J. Overstreet of No. 39 has reported a number of renewals. His lodge is getting back to herself.

If any one knows the address of Mr. Jeppy Irby, who was paid off in the September Board, please notify me at once. I have a check for him.

R. L. YOUNG.

Mrs. Hattie Smith, president of No. 40, has been on the sick list. We hope she is up ere now. She reports renewed members since the Board. Mrs. Smith and her lodge are among the best in the Association. Well, just look who the president is, and then look and see who her members are.

Mrs. Bertha Smith of 71, D'Lo, states that her lodge is growing by leaps and bounds.

The General President installed a new lodge at Cohay, Miss., a few nights past, with 50 new members. Watch No. 3.

Mrs. H. V. Moore reports renewed members since the Board. She is president of No. 56. Mr. Lake Clark is her energetic secretary. They have been shot at and hit once or twice, but the bullets went wild.

President H. E. McKay of No. 122 reports renewal of members in his lodge since the Board.

President J. H. Drakford sends $10.30 building fund.

Mrs. Carrie Jurry of No. 127 sends in bonds for three new members.

President E. L. Crosby sends in two renewals and bond for three new members.

The above list is nothing to be compared with the great number of presidents who have sent in new and renewal members since the Board. Just go on, boys, there is no power on earth to keep the old H. B. A. down as long as we keep up our old record.

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NO BLOODLESS GOSPEL

(By Marvin Nichols, Dallas, Texas)

This is no age in which to preach a bloodless Gospel. A vast rent has laid bare the world's great heart. Its body bleeds at every pore. An intellectualism that refused an enthroned Christ made the cleavage. Curses will be upon that system of truth and its avowed exponents who keep forever in its bleeding this awful wound. There is but one message for an age when a dependent world is feeling its way out of a chasm of despair. Above all the roar and tumult comes the heart-hungry cry for a Calvary all stained with hallowed blood. The world is listening for the voice of Him who spake and the sea slumbered in the hollow of His hand. The blistering fires of these days have sent a world in search for the shadow of His wings. The stinging, biting winds from out the valley of an almost universal death have made us long for the shelter in the time of storm. In no age of the world's history has the human race been quite so hungry for the bread which comes down from above.

We can but reaffirm what we have been saying through all these years. What an hour this is for the man who has not lost his commission to preach a Risen Lord! Men have no disposition to listen to any other sort of a message, but they have all the time in the world to listen to a story like that. Men have not forgotten that destiny swings upon it. What a supreme moment, this, in human history when a Christ can be preached—a Christ, who remembering that we are but dust, can be touched with a feeling of our infirmities!

On this very mountain peak of history there is absolutely no place for a preacher who moves in the fog belt; no place for the preacher whose head is not above the clouds. Martin Luther preached this doctrine of atoning blood to slumbering and decadent Europe and that land awoke, as from the dead. Amid all the defenses of divine sovereignty, Calvin never belittled nor ignored the atonement. John Wesley thundered the story of a Redeeming Lord from the tombs of his fathers and inert England turned the tides in her moral lapse. Spurgeon thundered the glorious note of Christ crucified into the ear of peasant and peer alike. John Bunyan made the Cross his starting point to the Celestial City. Moody's bells all chimed to the keynote of Calvary.

Oh, brother preacher, put your ear close down to the world's great heart! It murmurs and sighs like a tired and restless sea. This is a weary world and it longs for rest. Let us have done with things that, in view of eternal affairs and the ages to come, are but stones that jeer and mock the famished soul. Preach Jesus! Herald the name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease. Tell them He breaks the power of cancelled sin and sets the prisoner free. They can understand a message like that. Preach Jesus! For when He speaks new life the dead receive. When listening to the music of His voice, the mournful, broken hearts rejoice.

NOTICE

I will be glad to publish news from various communities at any time. All H. B. A. lodges should have a reporter and let the doings of your communities be published. All church and lodge affairs are published free. —Editor.

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Edrene Johnson, No. 82, died Dec. 29, 1924.

District No. 3 is having quite a number of deaths, but she is large enough in numbers to take care of herself. Of course there is one thing that the presidents and agents of No. 3 had better guard themselves against and that is this: taking these old people in who are almost ready to die. Believe me if you will, with all due respect to them, these "grandmas," "grandpas," "great-grandmas" and "pas," "great uncles" and "grand aunts' are going to hurt you. Whenever an agent or a president takes in these old, worn-out people he should be reported, and I don't mean reported under the cover. That is, slip around to the General President or Secretary and say, "Listen, I don't want you to tell this, but President So-and-So is taking in people who are about 80 years old, and Agent So-and-So is doing it, too." Just be a man and report it.

I know of members to be paid off in the next Board that had no business in the H. B. A. They were absolutely too old. We had better make this new membership a business concern for the good of the Association and not for a personal gain.

Nos. 1 and 2 thus far have reported only four deaths.

We can easily afford six more by the time the reports are to be sent out. The outlook for our next Board is good. We had 14 deaths in Nos. 1 and 2 in the last quarter and paid over $115.00. The indications are that Nos. 1 and 2 will be at themselves in the March Board and pay over $200.00.

Well, in September and December we had to clean our sheet that was filled with dead C. B. A.'s so to speak. Now we have nothing but our own H. B. A.'s to care for, therefore we are confident our people will get more than $200.00 in the March Board unless we have an epidemic. All we wanted was a chance to clear ourselves from the wreckage caused by the "whirlwind."

Sheff Steward has just opened up a first class barbecue and soft drink stand in the H. B. A. building. He will barbecue your meat at any time. His stand is known as the Electrical Barbecue Stand. It is something new in our city. I know nothing of its kind among white or colored. He states that he will have barbecued sandwiches as well as any other kind you might want.

Mr. John S. Beal and Henry H. Strayhorn will open their new undertaking establishment on Monday, Jan. 2. We are informed that it will be a grand occasion. There will be a number of speakers for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Strayhorn will live down town.

Rev. R. L. Young lost one of his members at Mt. Pleasant C. M. E. Church Saturday night, Jan. 24—Mr. Charlie McNair. The funeral was attended by Rev. Young, Sunday at 4 p. m.

Rev. T. R. Rodgers, who was at one time in the pastorate in the South Mississippi Conference, preached for Rev. R. L. Young at Mt. Pleasant on the fourth Sunday night. Rev. Rodgers was present to witness the funeral of his wife's father, Mr. Charlie McNair. His sermon was enjoyed by all. Rev. Hodges is engaged in school work up in the Delta.

The stork visited the home of Prof. and Mrs. W. M. Turner of Covington County Training School a few days ago and left a fine baby girl. The baby and mother are doing fine.

Elder E. B. Blackman of the Meridian District will hold his ministerial council at Hattiesburg, Miss., on Jan. 4, with Rev. E. W. Washington.

Mrs. Cynthia Taylor, sister of Mrs. E. F. Young, has returned to her home. She spent more than a month with Mrs. Young.

Mrs. Eddie Barron of Mt. Olive has subscribed to The Echo for one year.

Mrs. Anna Graham, mother of Mrs. R. L. Young, has been very ill, but we learn that she is better at this writing.

Dear Editor: Please allow space in The Echo for a few words concerning a reception given at Mrs. Jannie McRay's by Mrs. McClendon, Donald, Moss, Murphy and Mrs. McCray. The reception was given in honor of the school girls and boys who had a few days' vacation during the Xmas holidays. They were as follows: Misses Ollie McClendon and Viola Moss from Quitman, Miss Mary Hopkins from Langsdale, Mr. Clarence C. Donald from Tougaloo, and Master Bryant Murphy from Alabama. Mrs. McCray spared no little pains in making it pleasant for the students and friends. Quite a number of the Quitman friends were present, and their presence meant much to the occasion. Prizes were won by Misses Mary Hopkins, Flora Portis and Kattie Blakeley to the amount of $17.00. The money was divided among the school girls and boys as a token showing forth our appreciation and our desire for their continued success. Shortly after their vacation was over the young people returned to their schools to resume work.

BESSIE HOPKINS,
Crandall, Miss. Reporter.

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In these days a man may not be lucky to be alive, but the fact proves he is agile.—*Cleveland Times & Commercial.*

There are 87,642 dumb in America, but this doesn't include the dumb who can talk.—*Associated Editors (Chicago).*

With coal and clothes going higher, the winter resort may yet be the poor man's last resort.—*Wichita Falls Record-News.*

If the pedestrian race is to survive, some means will have to be found to provide them with spare parts.—*Columbia Record.*

Germany may run ships without sails, but that's nothing; America can run them without cargoes.—*Parkersburg Sentinel.*

United States Senators always show great speed on appropriation bills, for that is other folks' money.—*New York Evening World.*

We don't know just what it is that we made the world free for, but the situation looks very much like a free-for-all.—*Columbia Record.*

An article in a contemporary tells us how to keep young. But with this housing shortage the difficulty is to know where to keep them.—*Punch.*

A New York bank has been unable to transact any business for six days because the combination on the vault is jammed. The Department of Justice ought to be called on to dissolve it as a combination in restrain of trade.—*Southern Lumberman.*

Rio de Janeiro wants a New York policeman to reorganize its force. We might space a few of our crooks for him to work on, too.—*New York Herald Tribune.*

If the price of liquor goes much higher, Congressmen, judging from the testimony at the Scott divorce case, will have to have a raise in pay. —*New York Evening World.*

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The speaker who says, "I have just one more word to add," and then follows with several well-punctuated paragraphs.

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The vociferous Amen brother who is short-winded on the steeps of church finance.

The church officials, high and low, who speak of a minister as being a fifteen-hundred-dollar or a three-thousand-dollar man.

The man who prays to a congregation in the worship service.

The Methodists who are so concerned about credit that one supposes the Master promised Conference vouchers for even "the cup of cold water."

The choir that selects the morning anthem while the minister offers the opening prayer.

An official board which has substituted wish-bone for back-bone.

The preacher who knows how to talk but does not know how to listen, and who always addresses an individual as if he were an eager audience before an imaginary pulpit.

—PAUL MORRISON,
In Central Christian Advocate.

What the leaderless LaFollette party needs is a boyish Bob.—*New York Herald Tribune.*

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H. B. A. NEWS

For some time it has been my intention to say a few words concerning members paying death claims and dues. It very often happens that presidents have members to die after I have sent out the blanks. They die after the blanks are sent out but before the Board meets. Listen, all presidents and members: Until I receive a notice officially that a member is dead, I must hold him as a live member if he is marked up financially on my report blank. Whenever I send out the blanks, if you have not notified me that he is dead, I figure what he must pay as well as all other members. How do I know he is dead? Why should I leave him out? It is the president's duty to send in the notice before the member is buried. Why should you wait? It is just a ten minute job. Now, brethren, if you hold the deaths and do not get them to me when I send out the blanks, I am compelled to figure on that member. All presidents are requested to collect on all of your deceased members for the March Board who are not being paid off in March. I sent out the blanks a few days ago and did not leave any deaths on my record, therefore the dead members, who will not be paid off in this Board, must be collected on for the simple fact he died owing a debt, and it is the duty of the relatives or friends to pay the debt for his deceased brother. Death does not settle the debt—it takes the claims.

—SECRETARY.

The office has just received a letter from Mr. I. M. Martin, general treasurer and local president of No. 1. He states that he has been in bed for four or five weeks. He is just getting up and able to walk about in the house. We hope for him a continued recovery.

H. B. A. DEATH NOTICE

No. 1—E. G. Parris, No. 27; W. B. Anderson, No. 32; Albert Anderson, No. 22; W. M. Gains, No. 65.

No. 2—Sip Taylor, No. 85; B. J. Wooten, No. 135; Bessie Cole, No. 121; Isiah Conican, No. 84.

No. 3—Fannie Davis, No. 153; A. C. Carter, No. 120; John Robinson, No. 178; B. W. Hall, No. 160; M. J. McDonald, No. 128; Edrene Johnson, No. 82; Mattie Cole, No. 108; Mamie Anderson, No. 103; James Shaw, No. 133.

All presidents of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 will collect $1.20 death claims and 15c dues. Total to be collected from each member, $1.35, and 25c for publication.

You will note that Nos. 1 and 2 are paying the same amount for eight deaths that we paid for fourteen deaths in the last Board. We paid each representative $115.33. This time we will have almost $700 to be divided between these eight persons which will enable us to pay over $200 in the March Board. I have sent out report blanks already. Each president has at least 40 days notice. There is no reason why you should not collect your moneys and be able to make a round report at the next Board. Every president who makes a round report in the next Board will get a write-up in The Echo on the front page for him and his lodge. We are going to watch each president. If the president fails to collect it must be a slowful set of members instead of a negligent president. If you do not do well this time I think it will be better to give you about fifteen days' notice hereafter.

Mrs. S. L. Watson of No. 183 sends in $13.75 for new members and some renewal members.

C. D. F. A. LOSES ITS GRAND PRESIDENT

Mr. George W. Wilson, grand president of the C. D. F. A., died Feb. 4. Mr. Wilson had been the president of the C. D. F. A. for 19 years, or from its beginning. He was the founder of this organization. The present membership is between four and five hundred.

The Board of Managers, composed of Mr. R. D. Dunlap, G. R. Dunlap, F. Towns and J. R. Burwell, met in the city of Meridian on the 13th and declared the vice-president, Mr. N. B. Riley, of Enterprise, grand president. It is predicted that Mr. Riley will make an active president.

Mr. R. B. Lewis and his good people of H. B. A. No. 125, are doing well. He has worked up a new lodge and is to have Rev. D. H. Watson to organize them soon. Mr. Lewis paid us a visit while in the city.

Mr. J. W. Smith has been on the sick list, but he is now up and about his work.

Rev. G. W. Arnold visited the city a few days ago. He reports his wife not in the best of health. We hope for them the better pleasures of life.

Hiwanee, Miss.

Dear Editor: Just a few words to let you know that Lodge No. 178 is doing a great work in this section of the country. We are receiving applications and making new members every meeting. We have launched a $50 drive for our treasury. We are going to do big things at Hiwanee. I thank you very much for the wholesome instruction that you gave me a few days ago.

I remain yours for the good of the H. B. A.,

E. M. DUNN, Pres.

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EDITORIAL

JOIN THE WORLD COURT

The World Court in January took the center of the stage in the world's interest. The seventh meeting of the Permanent Court of International Arbitration at The Hague, which began on January 12, and the consideration by the Senate of the entrance of the United States into the Court, bring it clearly before the world's eye.

The record made by the Tribunal of International Justice is the strongest argument for our entry. It is now almost five years since the statute of the Court was drafted. Forty-eight countries have signed the protocol bringing it into existence. In the three years since the first meeting 12 opinions have been handed down and accepted by the powers concerned. A substantial beginning has been made in building a body of international law. Everything considered, the progress has been far beyond anything hoped for.

The executive branch of our government has consistently endeavored to bring about the entrance of the United States. In February, 1923, Secretary Hughes formulated the terms on which, with satisfaction to other countries and with safeguards to our own position, the United States might join in maintaining the existing Court. In the same month President Harding asked the Senate for action along that line. In December, 1923, President Coolidge repeated the request of his predecessor. Then followed months of futile talk in the Senate. Last summer both Republican and Democratic parties adopted platforms advocating the entrance of the United States into the Court.

Just at present many people fear an obstacle may lie in the individualistic temperament of Senator Borah. Senator Borah has been a passionate worker for peace, but there is much in his public record which betrays the presence of a spirit which says, "You play in my way or I'll not play at all." That spirit of childish stubbornness and individualism is sadly belated in the field of international relations today. In an address delivered on December 17, 1924, Senator Borah proclaimed that the "Court must be divorced from all connection with international, political institutions." Those who will take the care to study the record of the World Court in its aloofness from political activity, must feel that this condition of Senator Borah's is based on an unwarranted fear, and if persisted in with an unreasonable stubbornness, will be the rock on which the whole project of bringing the United States into the Court may split.

Fortunately this discussion comes at the very time when the United States has taken the most decided step since the war in international co-operation. These steps are represented by the American signature to the Paris financial accord over the Dawes reparation payments.

Yet we have newspaper warnings that the old guard which dies but never surrenders—the Irreconcilables—are preparing to renew their assault. One wonders how the minds of these stalwarts can have remained absolutely static during the last five years—but that seems to be the case.

A little boy five years old, waking up one morning in summer about 6 o'clock, rushed into his grandmother's room to find that she was still asleep. He shook her by the shoulder and said, "Grandma, wake up, the world has begun!" Those words need to be repeated in the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate.

It may be of interest to the H. B. A.'s to know that we are up with our notes on our building, each note for the first twelve months being $400. May I also add that we have done between twelve and fifteen hundred dollars in repair and addition, and all of that is paid down to about $240. It may be of interest to know that we have not raised the yearly payment from the original 55c. Somebody said we would have to raise the assessment in order to pay for the building, but that is a mistake; if we were to lose fifteen hundred we would not have to raise the 55c. We are doing exceptionally well, and yet we have a few weak presidents who seem not to be able to collect from their members. It seems as if the members are presidents instead of the president being president.

The Board of No. 1 meets at Kewanee, Miss., with Rev. M. S. Knott, president of No. 20, on March 25.

No. 2 meets at Narkeeta, Miss., H. B. A. No. 96, F. L. Key, local president, March 26.

No. 3 meets March 24 at Silver Creek, Miss. I am informed that we can reach Silver Creek by the way of the G. & S. I. R. R. or the Mississippi Central. I shall be glad to have a card from the president who is to entertain us at Silver Creek.

Rev. E. B. Blackman held a successful council at Hattiesburg, Feb. 4. It was well attended. All the pastors reported their work in splendid shape for the beginning of the year. Very good reports were made. Rev. R. L. Young of Collins and Mt. Pleasant, lead in finance. He reported $103.05. Rev. E. F. Young reported the next highest, $41.00. The total collection was above $150.00. Mrs. Essie McNair, district president of the W. M. S., was present and urged that the pastors and presidents do their best this year.

Dear Editor: I wish to state that I am busy working for the H. B. A., and especially the Juvenile Department. I organized a nice band of little children on the 10th of this month in "Red Top" in the city. Mrs. O. L. Watson was selected as the guide for this little band. I wish to state that my lodge, No. 67, is getting along very nicely. We are making new members and moving forward. The rising of the storm will never cause us to waver. I am confident that the members I now have will ever stand by the order.

Dear presidents, will you kindly bring two subscribers to the next Board? We want to make our paper better than ever before.

Mr. B. J. Williams states that he has some white friends in his section who pay dues, etc., to his lodge in order to help the colored people. Good for B. J.

Mr. F. Ott was in the city last week. He lost one of his sisters. If no mistake, she lived at Laurel, Miss. The remains was taken to Toomsuba, Miss.

Rev. W. M. Wadkins, pastor of the Good Hope Circuit, has just moved from Magee to the old home place of Rev. E. F. Young. Pleasant Grove and Good Hope gladly welcome Rev. Wadkins and his family.

All presidents of the H. B. A. are asked to make their second payment on the H. B. A. on or before March 1.

Mr. B. F. Welch, vice-president of H. B. A. No. 5, visited our office a few days ago. We are always proud to have our friends peep in on us.

Mr. Derias Croft, president of 176 at Chunky, Miss., visited our office a few days ago. He is a new president as well as a new member, but he is doing well.

Mr. J. J. Johnson, president of No. 4, was at our office on the 13th. He had a member to renew. He reports his lodge in good condition.

JOKES

Mr. R. B. and Mrs. E. F. had the chairs taken out of the front parlor. Guess they will have plates and chairs brought in soon.

Honey, I sho does love you hard. How hard, darling? Well, harder dan thunder kin bump a stump.

When Mr. and Mrs. .....lost their teeth they were real polite; they never laughed without putting their hands up to their mouth.

Honey, what makes you does me like you do?

Case I is loving you, dear.

Well, I wish you didn't love me so much.

Mr. J. W. Lott, president of No. 173, has just sent in $46.40 bond for new members.

Mr. L. M. Martin of No. 189 has just sent in $47.50 bond for new members.

Secretary I. M. Pringle of Longstreet, Miss., and Lodge No. 45 has sent in one renewal.

Dear presidents, please understand that your 25c for publication does not pay your subscription. That pays for the publication of your report and then you are to subscribe for The Echo by paying 40c for three months, 65c for six months, and $1.00 for one year. Please don't write and tell me that you paid your 25c at the Board for your paper. The less you can get is 40c worth. My wife is now assisting me in getting out the paper, and she has written a number of the presidents to renew. Please don't treat her as you have treated me, that is, some of you. There are some who are willing to pay for what they get, others want it for nothing. We are not missing any issues now—it is being published twice each month.

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Since the work of this paper has become my duty, I am making an effort to increase the subscription list. To do this, I feel that it is necessary to begin with the old subscribers. Friendship does not mean anything unless it can be retained. Subscribing to The Echo for a few months and dropping out does not mean anything; we want a permanent list of subscribers. Therefore, I am sending a copy of this month's issue to every old subscriber with a hope that you will in turn mail to The Echo your subscription for the year. Some one may say, "Why would you want to try to interest the old subscribers when you are getting new ones every day." Well, if it is necessary to save every penny you can in order to make dollars so as to start a savings account, it is just as necessary that we keep your name OLD SUBSCRIBER on our mailing list as a live wire so as to make the circulation of the paper what we want it to be. After you have read every work of the paper, look over it carefully, and if you find an "X" marked with ink it means that your subscription has expired. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

Too, I want the local presidents and Echo readers to remember what the word Echo signifies—the repetition of sounds,—and let us have some lodge and church news from your community. Every local lodge should have a reporter to keep up with the doings of that lodge and various programs launched by the church or churches of that community and report the same to the Echo. If you are doing big things in your community and will let The Echo know of it, it will no doubt serve as a source of inspiration for other lodges and churches. And not only for others, but it will serve as a stimulus for your people, for who does not like to take a part in doings that the public shall know about and speak words of praise and encouragement.

Remember, all church and lodge news is printed free. When I say lodge news it does not include the publishing of quarterly reports. It means any forward movement that you may put on for the growth of your lodge.

I hope in the next issue I shall be able to give the names of about fifty old subscribers who have renewed and fallen in line to help make The Echo a better paper.

Yours for a better service,

MRS. R. L. YOUNG.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Williams of Lumberton, Miss., are bringing things to pass in and around Lumberton. They report that Prof. Buckley has been in that section and left a good strong lodge at Barth, Miss., almost 100 strong. Mrs. Williams was at Barth and saw to it that a new Juvenile Band was organized. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are real hustlers, wherever they go along business picks up. Go on, Mrs. Williams, make things hum. Go on, B. J., you are a grand —or, or, er, er, president. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were at the last Board with seven or eight of their members.

Prof. A. Buckley, just up from an illness at his home, made a wonderful hit at Barth, Miss., a few days ago. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Williams. He set up a lodge at Barth with more than 50 members. He went back in less than four weeks and added 58 members, making a total of 120 members in the lodge at Barth. It will take a hustling local president to take care of that lodge. If the president is not a hustler it will soon tell on him; if he is, he will tell on it.

Mr. N. B. Riley of Enterprise, Mr. C. Towns of Meridian, Mr. R. D. Dunlap of Stonewall, and president of No. 74, and his brother, T. G. Dunlap, were in the city a few days past. They paid us a visit and went by the barbecue stand that is operated by Mr. A. Steward of Meridian, and got dinner.

Mr. Steward, better known as "Sheff," is considered to be the best cook and barbecue man in our city. I shall ask all H. B. A.'s especially to visit the H. B. A. building for your barbecue meat and lunches when in the city. I do not mean to ask that you not visit the cafes run by other people, all are good. but since Mr. Steward is paying to the H. B. A. $20 per month, we want to show him that we appreciate his patronage.

Mr. J. D. Pace of No. 177 has just sent in $21.30 bond for new members.

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NEGRO IS FINED

(Meridian Star)

"Mose Walker, negro, was tried by Justice of the Peace R. H. Jemison late Thursday afternoon and convicted of violating the liquor law by having whisky in his possession. He was fined $150.00 and the cost of court. It was alleged that he had about a half pint of whisky in his possession at the time of his arrest."

We regret very much to know that Mr. M. A. Walker, General Agent for the C. B. A., was fined $150.00 and cost. Guess he will not be handled in the C. B. A. for such an offense. Well, a fellow will get caught sometimes.

We are told that he had plenty of that to sell out in the woods at Good Hope in 1923, during the election of officers. Guess that is why a certain set was so unruly.

It is bad enough when some members and local officers use "white lightning," but when it gets in the head, look out society. A cow can do pretty well with a sore tail, but when her head gets sore the milk tastes bad. Please tell me what kind of people would follow a man like that? Oh, yes, I know, "birds of a feather will flock together." In other words, a chicken is a chicken, a duck is a duck, a mocking bird is a mocking bird. They may mix with other fouls for a short time, but very soon they get in a flock to themselves.

In the last issue of The Echo there appeared an article from the President of No. 67. She stated that she was doing a great work for the Juvenile department. Mrs. D. H. Watson was elected guide. Through a mistake we failed to assign the writer's name. It was Mrs. O. C. Catching, President of No. 67. We hope no one will become angry if small errors like this appear, for it is certainly not an easy job to be secretary, editor and minister and never make a little mistake.

DISTRICTS NOT IN REALITY

For some time we have been in separate districts in name, but not in reality. We have only two districts in reality. No. 3 is self-supporting, but Nos. 1 and 2 are always united. It is a hard matter to separate Nos. 1 and 2 and make them self-supporting. If it is done there will be a great variation in the amount of money paid, so much so that it will cause great dissatisfaction among those who are to be paid off. Therefore, we make Nos. 1 and 2 pay the same amount as to whether we have the same number of deaths or not. Well, how can this be done? We take all money collected in 1 and 2, put it together and then we take all the deaths, put them together and equally divide the money as well as equally divide the deaths, and then pay all the same.

I have given the above explanation because some one has said that we are paying more than six cents per member for each death. The Constitution provides that we pay not less than five cents nor more than twenty-five cents. Nos. 1 and 2 have eight deaths at fifteen cents each, making a total of $1.20 death claims and fifteen cents dues, which makes a grand total of $1.35.

No. 1 will collect for the following: E. G. Parris, No. 27; W. B. Anderson, No. 22; W. M. Gaines, No. 65.

No. 2—Sip Naylor, No. 85; B. J. Wooten, No. 135; Bessie Cole, No. 121; Isaiah Conican, No. 84.

No. 3—Fannie Davis, 153; A. C. Carter, No. 120; John Robinson, No. 178; B. W. Hall, No. 160; Edrene Johnson, No. 82; Mattie Cole, No. 108; Mamie Anderson, No. 103; James Swaw, No. 133; John T. McClain, No. 80.

All presidents are asked to get their lodges to pay for their subscription to The Echo.

JUVENILE BOARD MEETS

The Juvenile department of the Holbrook Benevolent Association met March 4 in the H. B. A. building in the City of Meridian. We had a grand session. We raised $23.73 from the children. Well, this amount may seem little, but there was a time when the old Mother H. B. A. did not pay any more than that. We had one death to be paid off. Mrs. D. H. Watson, a new guide, rendered a wonderful program with her children. Miss Lott, one of our guides from Shubuta, was late in arriving, but she made a splendid report. The general president, Rev. E. F. Young, is offering a prize to the guide that makes the best report in the next Board. Get busy, it may be you who win.

D. B. BORDERS,
Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Beale are as happy as can be these days. The stork visited the home of their son, Mr. Joe Beale, a few days ago and left an eight and one-half pound boy, so that they are now grandmother and dad. Mrs. Joe Beale and baby are just fine.

All presidents of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 will please collect $1.35 from each of your members for dues and death claims. You will also collect 25 cents from your lodge for publication.

The Board of No. 3 will meet Tuesday, March 24 at Silver Creek, Miss. No. 1 will meet Wednesday, March 25 at Kewanee, Miss. No. 2 will meet Thursday, March 26, at Narkeeta, Miss. All presidents are asked to meet at 9 instead of 10 o'clock. We want to be ready to pay off at exactly 1 o'clock. Now, brthren, there is no need for one or two presidents to cause us not to be able to pay off.

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EDITORIAL

"HANDICAPS"

It has been more than 12 months gao since I wrote on the above subject. It has been my desire to have more to say before now, but circumstances did not permit.

All kind and classes of people have at some time been handicapped. I am not going to speak of the Grecians, the Romans, the Italians, etc., but I wish to say a few words of our own situation.

The man who is the lowest down in any walk of life usually catches the "dickens." I think it is a remarkable thing when we consider the wonderful strides and progress that the Negro has made since his freedom. It may not be that we have gone very far, but when you consider the distance and the handicaps we have run well. How can a man run with five pound weights about his ankles? Can he make any time with the fellow whose ankles are free and loose? My answer is NO! He may run well, but what would he do if he were free?

A few days ago I was on a certain railroad train, I was a bit tired and desired to rest. I turned one of the seats in order to get more room. The conductor said, "Preacher, it is against the law to turn those seats." I reversed the seat. At the next station some ladies got on and they turned their seats. They were ordered to reverse them. I said to myself, "If this is law, it is law, but I want to see to whom the law applies." I arose from my seat and acted as if I were tired of sitting. I peeped in at the white folks and their seats were turned all kinds of ways. I watched the conductor, but when he passed the white men and women with their seats turned he seemed to have given no orders. I am quite sure they would have obeyed the orders had he given any. I would like to know if this is a special law for colored people and not for white. If it is law why not enforce the law?

A few months ago the Holbrook Benevolent Association bought some property in the City of Meridian. There is a big gate on one side and at that time the gate opened to the sidewalk. In other words, when the gate was opened it blocked the walk. One day an officer came along and said that it was a violation of the law for gates to open to the outside. Says he, "If some one comes along and gets hurt the city can be sued, therefore, you must take it down and hang it to open inside." I thought over the matter and I saw the danger in gates opening to the outside. I said some one is liable to be hurt and the city can be sued. Yes, I said this gate should be changed; it should open to the inside, the officer was exactly right. But listen, friends, this thought came to me. How long had this been law? In one sense it became law when the property was purchased by Negroes. The gate had been there for about seven or ten years to my knowing, but it always opened across the sidewalk. I am not trying to convince any one and make him believe that the officer was wrong in having the gate changed, but why did he or some one not have the law obeyed all these years that the property was owned by some one else? The handicap in this matter is this: It makes the Negro feel as if the city laws are made for Negroes to obey and white folks to break, and it should not be. Let every man have the same recognition before the law. Oh, I know that it is not true with us as Negroes, and it will not be for a long time yet, but it should be.

I went to a railroad ticket office a few days ago to buy a ticket. The agent sold all the white people tickets and then turned to sell a colored lady and me one. At that time the telephone rang and he turned to answer the telephone. When he started back to us a white gentleman approached the window from the white waiting room, he turned from us to wait on him. The white gentleman pointed to us and said, "Wait on them, they were there first." Now that's business—first come, first served. But what kind of a white man was that who would say to the agent in the presence of a number of others listening and looking, "Wait on them; they were there first?" It was a broad man with an altruistic spirit. Those are the kind of men the world needs. The agent knew that we were there first, but he was the wrong man in the right place. He was one of those narrow, cheap kind of fellows. No doubt he thought that it was right for him to do that. The better class of white people do not want the Negro treated any kind of way; they want to see him treated as a MAN and not as a brute. I do not know who the gentleman was, but I shall never forget his image. I shall never forget his saying. It is bad enough to "Jim Crow" us, but it is still worse when you make us pay the same price for a ticket and "Jim Crow" us in selling the tickets. I know the agent felt badly, but I wish some more such gentlemen would pass by. I know the white man who stands up for the right for all men alike is criticized; he is not liked by certain classes, but we want him to have the moral courage to stand any how.

After all, my friends, we are our biggest handicaps. Our big mouths—"Hello Jane, and good-bye Sam," when we board the train. "Where is you all gwine, Miss Jane?" raising windows, no matter how cold it may be, spitting on the floor; hogs, pigs and chickens in boxes and baskets, sometimes turkeys, big sheets and sacks full of old clothes and the like. All of this is a handicap to ourselves.

Some of us who board the trains are too nasty in the manner of our clothing; some of us are not fit to ride on the trains at all unless we are on the rear end of the engine.

Another handicap is the "white lightning" handicap. As strict as the law is now, a man who will run such a risk, a man who will not regard the law, a man who will make and sell "white lightning" is detrimental to the race and country.

Another handicap is this: We are not tidy in our manner of dress. As I reached the city a few days ago I learned that the Monette case was in progress. For the first time in seven or eight years I spent the afternoon in listening at a case being argued. I paid particular attention to our women as the court room was crowded. Some of our women really did not look decent enough to walk across the street to a neighbor's house. Some had on old nasty paper-bag caps that they wore out of the white folks' kitchen. The old caps were greasy, black and dirty. These and many other things help to retard our progress. These are handicaps of our own, and we can, if we will, remedy them.

Some of us want too much and expect too much in certain ways. An old colored gentleman boarded a train a few days ago on which I was riding. He got on at a little flag stop. To my surprise he had a big fuss with the conductor because the train did not stand still until he had gotten in and taken his seat. If that had to be done every time one boarded the train we would be a long time getting to our destination.

There is one particular characteristic I have noticed in our Southern newspapers: Whenever a Negro commits a crime, if it is a bit mean or bad he is spoken of as the "brute" or the "black." The same offense committed by a member of the white race the papers say, "A young white man did thus and so," he is never called a brute, no matter how brutish the crime may be. I believe the term "brute" and "black" are used for the specific purpose of creating an ill feeling toward the Negro. It is a term used to make it appear as if the Negro is a bad and dangerous character, and that, some of them are, but the same is true with some, of the other race. Our southern editors play a conspicuous part in creating ill feeling between the two race in the many things that they allow to be said through the newspapers. If a white man had committed a mean crime, suppose I were to speak of him in my publication in some of the following terms: The "white brute," "peck," "the cracker," the "red neck," "the sage," or some other name that he is not. It would be an insult to the white race, and it would be a means of teaching Negro youths to say and think bad and mean things concerning our white friends. It is wrong, and as long as such will be permitted in any newspaper there will exist a spirit of antagonism between the two races.

There are some things that we say and do that cause great harm. This question comes to me: Do we know better, or are we ignorant of our ignorance? If we know better, God come soon, when we can see ourselves as we are. God grant that the time will come and come soon when we will rid ourselves of that parasitical disease—always sapping the life out of the other fellow in order to live. God grant that the time will come and come soon when we will catch a vision, stop being "num-skulls" and stop suffering with mental myopia. Let us stop seeing nightmares, etc. None of us are perfect, just as no human eye is absolutely perfect, and few even approximately so, so it is with the human family, but we can improve, we can respect ourselves and others as well. Handicaps will retard the progress of any race. Must we stop because of our many handicaps? No, they should only be stepping stones to success.

NOTICE

All presidents who make a round report in the next Boards will have a write-up on the front page of The Echo for the president and lodge. We will see "who is who." Get ready, boys, get in the race, don't let your name fail to appear.

Watch the "X" on your paper and govern yourself accordingly.

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H. B. A. DOTS

Dear Editor: Please allow me a short space in your paper to speak to our people once more. I am about to leave the State of Mississippi for the rest of my life. I am now in bad health and I and family are leaving, I hope for better, but no one knows.

As an agent of the H. B. A., I wish to state that I am leaving the northern part of Nos. 1 and 2 in first class condition. All of the people in the northern parts are solid. They say they do not want any foolishness and will not stand for any. If certain folks want to get in trouble let them visit our section. Such lodges as Brown Ridge, Macedonia, Pleasant Grove, Kemper Springs, Mt. Olive and St. Paul can be depended on—they are true to their trust. Their officers are people who are reliable. I really believe the best lodge that I have ever visited is No. 30, of which Albert Love is local president. It has one of the best set of officers I have ever seen. They all work together for the common good of all. I must thank the members for the good things said about me by them. They give me a part of the credit for the splendid work that they are doing.

As I shall make my departure, I want to ask you brethren to take care of the H. B. A. Continue to be men and women. Don't let every little wind that rises turn you off the coast—keep stragiht. The white people are just wild about the H. B. A. in our section, in fact the white folks everywhere like the H. B. A. Our business is to go to your bed side when you are sick and help you all we can. When you are dead we bury you. Though I am going, I shall be an H. B. A. as long as I live. When I die I will be an H. B. A. When I am buried I will be an H. B. A. Oh, yes, I will be dead, but nevertheless I will be an H. B. A. No order, my friends, can go further than the bed and the grave.

On February 18 I stood before a crowded house and held high the honors of the H. B. A. I made things plain to and for my people. After I was through, Rev. Peters, a broad-hearted minister, arose and indorsed my statements so much so that he said that all of our people should be members of the H. B. A.

For the past ten years I have done my best. Some times hard things were said about me, but I went anyhow, and by the help of God success was mine. It was I who went into hard Kemper county and certain places in Lauderdale county and established lodges that when I am dead the H. B. A. will live on and on and on.

I wish to say to our general officers—Be firm, be true, stand fast, don't give in, right will win. Truth crushed to the earth will rise again. I want you to do all that is in your power to help the H. B. A. to live. I want to ask that you pray for me. If we never meet in another Board I want to meet you beyond in bright glory.

Yours for Christ and the H. B. A.,
VAN CLAYTON.

Dear Secretary: I wish to state that I have organized a new lodge at Chunky, Miss., Mr. R. B. Lewis of No. 125 assisting me in organizing this new lodge. Rev. Henry Thompson was chosen as its president. The lodge has twenty members. The H. B. A. is "red hot" at Chunky.

Your agent,
D. H. WATSON,
Meridian, Miss.

Dear Editor: Just a few words to let you know that I am still on the field. I have two new lodges that will be ready in just a few days. Wherever I go the people take hold of the H. B. A. with great pride.

Your agent,
C. L. PRINGLE,
Carmichael, Miss.

Dear Editor: I am still on the field. I have sent in $12.50 on the building for 1925. My people are doing exceptionally well. We are planning to have Rev. E. F. Young with us soon. I am quite sure I will make the best report in the next Board ever made by my lodge. My people were almost halted at one time, but they have gained new courage and they believe in the H. B. A. more so than ever before.

Yours for success,
S. B. BELL,
Lodge No. 31.

Dear Editor: Just a few words to let the readers of The Echo know of the death of Mrs. Virgie Moore. She died on February 17 at the home of her mother, Mrs. Steve Blanks. The funeral was attended by Rev. E. W. Washington, pastor of Hattiesburg and Wiggins.

MRS. W. H. HEARNE, Reporter.
709 Atlanta Street,
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Readers: I wish to state that H. B. A. No. 98 has paid all of her building fee for 1924 and 1925. We are alive and doing well. Our home treasury is a bit weak just now, but we will soon be with plenty of money. We have about $70.00 in our treasury. We are real H. B. A.'s. We are planning to put on a special drive for the H. B. A. building. When I say special I do not mean special for what we owe, for we owe nothing.

Yours for the H. B. A.,
REV. M. PAGE,
Lodge No. 98, Porterville, Miss.

DEATHS

News comes to us that Mr. Limb Ruffin died Saturday morning, March 7.

Mrs. Ethel Williams, wife of Mr. Abe Williams, died Saturday morning, March 7.

Mrs. Eliza Bates, a member of H. B. A. No. 72, and of Union Baptist Church, died Saturday morning, March 7.

Be sure to visit Mrs. E. L. Williams at Matthews & Mhoon's Drug Store for your Spring Hats. The latest styles—nice and up-to-date.

NOTICE!

Watch the "X" on your paper. It means to inform you that your subscription is out. Please renew.

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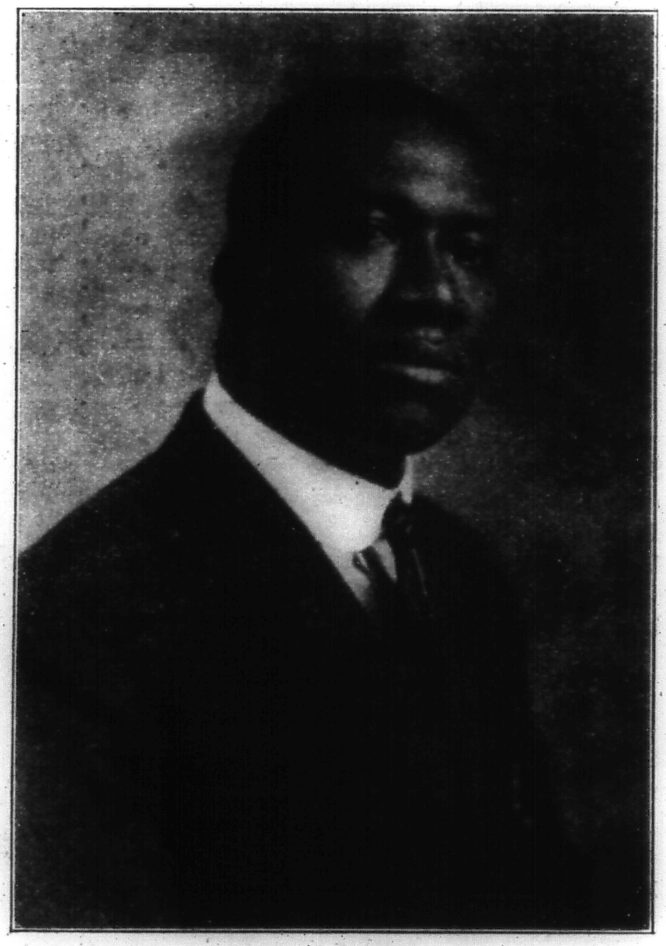
A PRAYER

How pleasant life would be if we all would start out each day with the prayer of Edgar Guest, and live up to it!



Lord, let me live today
From start to close,
In just the kindly way
Which friendship knows.
Let me be thoughtful, too,
And generous here,
Keeping in all I do,
My record clear.

Lord, let me live today
Full to my best,
No hurtful thing I'd say,
Even in jest;
Keep me from scorn and hate,
And petty spite—
Lord, let my soul be great
From dawn to night.

Lord, let me live today
From malice free,
Let me in work or play—
Uselfish be.
Let no one find me proud,
Or harsh or cold,
Too silent, or too loud,
Afraid or over-bold.

Lord, let me live today
A friend to all,
Who chance along my way,
Though great or small;
And when at last the sun,
Now rising high, shall set,
Let there, in all I've done,
Be no regret.

REV. R. L. YOUNG,
Pastor Mt. Olive and Collins Circuit.

FROM TWELVE TO SIXTY

The constitution of the Holbrook Benevolent Association positively states that no person under 12 years of age will be permitted to join the H. B. A., and no person over 60 years of age will be permitted to join. If any local president or any local agent or anybody will permit people to come in without abiding by the law, such person can not, by law, be paid off or collected on at death. I know that this matter can not be solely determined by the agents and presidents—the applicant is also responsible for his age. It is the duty of the agents and presidents to stress that part of the obligation ceremonies.

Again, it comes to me that certain agents and presidents are taking sick folks—folks who are paralysis stricken, etc., and have been for years—into the H. B. A., and they die in less than six months after they get in the H. B. A. It is reported that two or three such persons are now on our list. There are outside people not connected with the H. B. A., who frequently ask how can we exist at such. I love all the agents, local presidents, members and would-be members. I love money, from the one cent piece to the highest coined gold-piece, but I love the order above all of these. Let us strive to be a blessing to the community at large and not to individuals and families.

How would you like to pay for your paper in the next Board?

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EDITORIAL

BROTHER LOW-DOWN'S PRAYER

Good morning, Brother Silas. Good morning Sista Clora. Fine day—fine day—fine day. Going down to meeting? Yes, jest studying 'bout goin' down dar. Tell me Brother Low Down goin' to preach his farewell sermon. Bang! bang! dar goes the church bell now! Bang! bang. Music.

Good morning sisters and brethren. I am more than glad to have the opportunity of speaking to you all this afternoon! I am more than glad to have the opportunity of being in your presence this afternoon! As I rendered my farewell sermon Sunday night in New Orleans, and I told them all if I never had the opportunity of ever speaking to them again; if I never had the opportunity of ever shaking hands with them on this earth again, I wanted them all to meet me—"where?" In Birmingham or Atlanta! Now, before going any further let us all unite in prayer. "Most wholly round, divine, silver dollar. We call upon thee this afternoon because we need thee. We need thee as we never needed thee before. Don't never deceive us. Let us feel thee in our midst, at all times. Amen. Because we need thee at home as well as abroad. Then again Almighty dollar, without thee there is no power. Don't never deceive us. Again, almighty dollar, we ask thee one more favor; that is, when the time has come, that you can not be with us, oh, when the time comes that you can ont be with us, send us your little images such as nickles, dimes, quarters and halves. Then again, almighty dollar, we ask thee one more favor—when I am too old and feeble to labor for thee, I ask thee one more favor, that is, to make thy resting place in my pocket, is my prayer for the dollar's sake. Amen."

H. B. A. NEWS

Dear Editor: We, the people of Lumberton, Miss., are doing well in our work of the H. B. A. We are progressing. It is our motto to go forward and not backward. In all of our efforts and undertakings we put God in front. I consider this to be very necessary if we should desire real success. Success without God is not real success. Such success will not stand. Oh, it may stand for a short while, but there will come a time when it will all fade away. We love the H. B. A. and the principles upon which it is founded and based. May we ever press forward and not lose sight of the poor class of our people who are ever loyal and at their post of duty in our organization.

E. D. MAYERS.

Dear Editor: Please allow me a short space in your paper to say just a few words concerning the H. B. A. I have been a member of quite a number of societies, but I have never been in any that beats the H. B. A. It is the thing for the people of our race. I am doing my best to put the H. B. A. on top in this section of the country. The H. B. A. is uplifting the people of our community and I shall be one to ever stand by the H. B. A. We had a nice entertainment a few days ago and we did well. Our church has on a big drive for the fourth Sunday in April. We are expecting to do well.

Our beloved pastor, Rev. Halts, of Pleasant Grove Church, died February 13, 1925. He was a great man. We shall miss him very much.

Yours for the good and success of the H. B. A.,

MRS. JOSEPHINE DUNN,
Lodge No. 178, Hiwanee, Miss.

POEM

(Composed by Mrs. Rebecca Beamon)

If everything goes dead wrong,
And trouble is always coming,
If you can't make it turn out just right,
Don't let start your running,
For your life is valued by the good things you are doing,
Take life like you find it—
Shoulder it without a moan,
For it's the joy with the grit,
Who packs trouble ties and keep on keeping on.
The wise men are wisdom so they say,
And fools are dunces so we see,
But men are men on any day,
Just as your friends and you,
It isn't who you are, it's what can you do.

Don't create trouble like certain men I know,
Set your goal for the top and go,
And keep on keeping on.
You who do not know how to smile,
It's you who make the world so hard;
The ones who ain't worth while
Don't face your troubles with a groan,
Same as some people do.
Do what you like and like what you do
And keep on keeping on.

—*Lumberton Gumpond Rural Station*

H. B. A. No. 71 at D'Lo, Miss., is doing great work. Our lodge at D'Lo would have been dead had it not been for the tenacity and stickability of Mrs. Bertha Smith. When all others gave down Mrs. Smith and one other stayed by. I have known No. 71 to send in a report Board after Board for just two members. She did not give up; she did not lose hope nor courage. Today they have about thirty members. We need some more "Berthas." No. 71 was visited by our old standbyer "Big John" Rankins. He is known to get them.

COVINGTON COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL

Wm. Turner, Principal.

Having finished the second term examination, the majority of the students are rejoicing from having made good marks and are beginning to look forward to the last term, impressed with the fact that their time has been well spent.

We as teachers, only wish to rehearse briefly some of the things that we have succeeded in during this school year. Besides raising the standard of school room work and discipline the campus has been recently set with water oaks so as to form a square, and we predict a beautiful campus in a few days. The laboratory plot is attracting the attention of the public at large, which is planted in oats, clover, vetch, etc. The flower garden, highly prized by the high school department, is becoming the center of attraction with its beautiful flowers and evergreens. By commencement we feel that we can boast of the fact that we have the most attractive school garden in South Mississippi. The young fruit trees, set by the vocational class, are beginning to swell their buds and show a sign of life and springtime.

It may be interesting to know that we put on a drive a few weeks ago known as a "Tool Shower" to equip the newly-installed work shop, thereby realizing tools amounting to fifty dollars or more, such as heater, vice, saws, grinding stone, lever and several other tools, were received as a result of the shower.

It is pleasing to say further that on February 23 we had a community meeting and a special program was rendered in honor of George Washington's birthday. Among the leading visitors were Rev. R. L. Young, the pastor of this community, and Rev. E. W. Washington. Each made timely and forcible addresses which were enjoyed by all present. From the effort made on this day we realized nearly enough funds to eradicate all indebtedness against the school.

MISS EFFIE L. REESE,
Mt. Olive, Miss.

I AM

Back
Of the miracle of this minute,
The far hush of the years
And
The endless echo of the Forever—

Back
Of the rapture of Dawn
Trailing the horizon
In robes of rose and amethyst;
The breath of Beauty, rising in the white mist of the morn—

Back
Of the long, hot hours of the day
Spreading across wide meadows,
Running along waters,
Reaching deep into cities,
In all growing things—
The pulse of Life beating—

Back
Of the mystery of the night,
Of the waiting silence,
The low light
Of a swinging star,
There in the unseen vastness—
The ecstasy of the Spirit—

Out of the breath of Beauty,
And the pulse of Life beating,
Out of the ecstasy of the Spirit,
Part of the passing moment—
I AM.

Back of the quiver of an eyelid,
The quick-drawn breath,
The reaching out of hands to the world,
The heart singing,
Back of this visible force—Myself,
I AM the Invisible Inspiration of the Infinite!

—*Theodocia Pearce.*

Some of the members of Pleasant Grove C. M. E. Church surprised their pastor, Rev. W. M. Wadkins, a few night ago. A big storm struck his home and blew plenty of groceries and needful things of the home in the meal barrel and pantry. This affair was conducted by Mrs. Annie Smith and others. The officers and members have on a $125.00 drive for the fourth Sunday in April. It is always pleasing to the pastor to know that his officers and members are always willing to help him.

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TALLADEGA—THE SCHOOL WE LIVE IN

We are always abusing dear old Talladega, but when the times comes to leave it, none of us seems delighted to go. After all, Talladega is all right; there really is nothing wrong with it. The trouble is with the people who are in it, the other people, of course. Talladega is like some wives —rather drab and dreary-looking across the morning coffee, but "lights up" wonderfully before evening.

Talladega is a looking glass. The smiles or frowns or sneers it gives us are the reflection of our own spirits, moods, and mental attitudes. Talladega is like any other machine, what we get out of it depends exactly on what we put into it—but it's never quite what we expected.

Talladega is a parachute. If we keep our heads and hold on to nothing but our conscience, our ideals and our dignity, we will land safely somehow and somewhere.

Talladega is a museum. There is so much in it that is interesting, beautiful, and inspiring for us to take out into the world, so that it will be better to live in.

Talladega is a public park of education, it belongs to us; but some of us ride, others drive, some just walk; and the happiest ones, lovers, would-be students, and would-be philosophers—just loll around in the sunshine of education and watch the crowd go by!

Talladega is neither the heaven that the optimist would have it, or the purgatory that the pessimist would paint it. It is just dear old Talladega, who is "Alpha Lyrae Vega of them all."

It is a jewel of everlasting service; it may not be perfect, it may not be ideal, but if we persist in trying to love and serve, handle it with tact, firmness, and gentleness, we can get a lot out of it.

—C. L. M. '28.

Presidents of the H. B. A. are asked to be present at the Boards at 9:00 a. m.

SILVER CREEK SPEAKS

Dear Editor: I wish to state that Silver Creek Lodge No. 181 is in a prosperous condition and we are moving along nicely. We started out with a very good number, but a few dropped out. They soon found out that we meant business and meant to go forward, therefore they are returning to us. We now have about ten applications on file waiting our next meeting.

We are looking forward with a great deal of anticipation for the next Board. It is our desire to entertain you and that we mean to do. You can reach Silver Creek via. G. & S. I. or the M. C. railroads. You will have no great difficulty in reaching the church whatever.

J. T. JONES,
President.

H. B. A. DEATH NOTICE

No. 1—E. G. Parris, No. 27; W. B. Anderson, No. 22; W. M. Anderson, No. 32; W. M. Gains, No. 65.

No. 2—Sip Taylor, No. 85; B. J. Wooton, No. 135; Bessie Cole, No. 121; Isaiah Conican, No. 84.

No. 3—Fannie Davis, No. 153; A. C. Carter, No. 120; John Robinson, No. 178; W. B. Hall, No. 160; Edrene Johnson, No. 82; Mattie Cole, No. 108; Mamie Anderson, No. 103; Jas. Shaw, No. 133; John T. McClain, No. 80.

Please collect $1.35 per member and 25c from each lodge for publication of your report.

R. L. YOUNG,
Secretary.

NOTICE

All presidents are requested to put every member you have on your report blank. If he pays his claims put him on, and if he fails, put his name on the blank. This is absolutely necessary, and if you come to the Board without this we will be compelled to defer your report until you have put all names on your blanks.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Sam M. Epps and Miss Eunice Beatrice Graham were unite din holy wedlock, March 3, 1925. Miss Graham is one of the best young women our town affords. Mr. and Mrs. Epps are members of Union Baptist Church. Mr. Epps came to our city last year as district manager for the National Benefit Life Insurance Co., of Washington, D. C. We hope and predict for them a wonderful success. They reside at 1327 34th Ave., Meridian, Miss.

Don't forget to make a round report at the coming Board. All presidents who make round reports will have a write-up on the front page of The Echo for themselves and lodge.

Mr. E. M. Hill is engaged in cleaning, pressing and dyeing on 15th St. and 28th Ave., of this city. His work is too much for his present machinery. He has ordered a steam press which will enable him to render more efficient and suitable service. If you have work to be done call 2286-W. He will gladly serve you.

A general C. B. A. officer and a geenral H. B. A. officer have agreed to put each other down. This is on conditions. The conditions are as follows: One is to say no more about the other and the other is to say no more about the one. We hope that the conditions are emphatically understood.

Elsewhere in this issue there is an article written by one of our home boys, Mr. C. L. Majors. We congratulate Mr. Majors for the splendid article, "Talladega, the School We Live In."

The officers and members of Leach's Chapel at Collins, Miss., have put on a $50.00 rally for their pastor, Rev. R. L. Young, for the first Sunday in April. They worshiped in their new church on the first Sunday in March. With about 38 members they have raised about $160.00 since conference.

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MARCH BOARD A GRAND SUCCESS

$4,324.97 Raised in March

It goes without saying the H. B. A. Boards that closed a few days ago were the best in the history of the Association. It is true that we have raised more money at times, but never have we been overshadowed with peace and the presence of the Holy Spirit as in the last Boards. Nothing but peace, sweet peace—no ill feeling and not a cross word. Let us pray that such meetings shall ever continue.

On March 24 we were at Silver Creek, and Rev. Fox, one of our leading Baptist ministers, and his good people made things pleasant for us. Rev. Fox is a real man; he possesses those qualities that God would have a minister possess. The local president, Mr. J. T. James, saw to it that not a stone was left unturned. Mr. D. Cox of Jackson, Miss., was with us and gave us one of those worthwhile lectures.

On the 25th we were at the old historic spot of Green Hill, a place where the H. B. A. almost had its birth. Rev. M. S. Knott and his members tried themselves. They put No. 20 on the map as never before. If you want things done as they should be done, just let "Mose" and his folks do them (I mean Mose Knott).

On the 26th gasoline was being consumed by the rolling autos as they were making their way over the gravel roads eating up distance and raising dust with every moment bringing the place of meeting closer and closer to us. It is useless to say anything about F. L. Key and his good people of No. 96. I think the best thing to say is this: "Key and his people kept up their old record." Enough said, brother.

When the reports were taken in and the moneys added and it was announced that we had on hand to pay to each person $201.00 there was shouting in the old camp. Just six months ago the H. B. A. paid $97.25. Some said she was dead, but not so. The thief came upon her at night, in the dark, at her back, struck her in the back of the head in a tender place, knocked her down and it took her six months to come to herself, get up and look as she used to look. When she arose she was able to pay to each person $204.00 in Nos. 1 and 2, and it had been one year since we were able to do this.

Well, some one may ask how does the H. B. A. stand now. Listen! We have paid $2,200 on our building and the interest; we have repaired it and have it in first class order at a cost of about $1,500, and all of that is paid except $227.00. Nobody can do what we are doing except folks who are able and H. B. A.'s. I know of nothing that can give you a hundred dollar funeral and then give you a hundred and five or ten dollars in cash—I mean nothing that is run on a cheap basis as the H. B. A. In one and two Boards, when all lodges were through reporting, we paid to each person $204.00. In No. 3 we paid $204.16, and we have more money on hand for all the districts.

Tell the monkeys to get off the main line, get on the side track, for the H. B. A.'s are clean gone. The following are the reports from the local lodges. If any one paid 25c for publication, have your receipt for same and your lodge does not appear in this list, please notify me and I shall be glad to correct the error and publish your report. First, I want to publish each president and each lodge that made a round report.

No. 8 (Round)—Mr. Ward is the hustling little president.

No. 9 (Round)—D. B. Borders, president.

No. 20 (Round)—Rev. M. S. Knott president.

No. 21 (Round)—F. Ott, president.

No. 22 (Round)—Rev. J. R. Miller, president.

No. 30 (Round)—A. Love, president.

No. 40 (Round)—Mrs. Hattie Smith, president.

No. 54 (Round)—B. J. Morrison, president.

No. 72 (Round)—D. H. Watson, president.

No. 96 (Round)—F. L. Key, president.

No. 112 (Round)—J. C. Coleman, president.

No. 161 (Round)—Ames Johnson, president.

If there are others who made round reports you failed to tell me that your report was round.

Let us make our bow to the above champions as they march through the H. B. A. field with round reports. It takes hard work to make round reports. Go on, you round report makers—somebody is after you at the next Board.

DISTRICT Nos. ONE AND TWO

No.—	Dues.	Death Claim.	Back.
1	$ 4.50	$ 37.20	$ 5.40
2	6.60	54.00	
3	3.15	26.40	
4	5.10	42.00	
5	2.40	20.40	
8	.75	7.20	
9	2.70	22.80	
11	1.50	13.20	
13	1.20	10 80	2.70
19	4.05	33.60	
20	6.60	54.00	
21	6.15	50.40	
22	3.00	25.20	
27	3.75	31.20	
28	7.95	64.80	
30	7.59	61.20	
31	5.55	45.60	
32	2.90	22.80	
33	5.40	44 40	
39	7.65	62.40	
42	3.60	30.00	
44	.60	6.00	
(Part of this report is in No. 30)			
47	1.95	16.80	
50	2.70	22.80	
53	3.30	27.60	
54	1.20	10.80	
56	2.10	18.00	

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H. B. A. DOTS

Mrs. R. L. Young visited Mt. Pleasant and Collins with her husband on the fifth Sunday in March. She reports her trip a splendid one.

Mrs. Marinda King, a member of Union Baptist Church and H. B. A. No. 19, was buried on the 8th of this month. We wish to extend our sympathy to the relatives of the deceased.

Mr. T. J. McWilliams, president of No. 135, was in our office with good news for the H. B. A. a few days ago.

Dear Editor: Just a few words to let all know that No. 79 is doing well. We have never had a Board, but we want it soon. We are having quite a success. We are making new members, paying our building fee and we have a good treasury. We made a round report in the last Board. We want all to know that we are loyal H. B. A.'s.

MRS. HESTER SLOAN,
Lauderdale, Miss.

I want eight more orders for H. B. A. badges. Badges are 25c each. We do not sell less than one dozen. We want six more orders for financial cards. Will last a member two years for 10c. Order now.

Mrs. Hattie Smith and a few other presidents heeded our call and brought along three or four subscriptions.

Dear Editor: Since we have heard from the last Board my people are coming back to the H. B. A. You can see that my statement is true from the amount of back money that I am sending in. My lodge is now on the boom. Everybody is talking about the good old H. B. A. God bless her soul she isn't dead yet.

H. JENKINS, No. 113,
DeKalb, Miss.

Dear Editor: Just a few words to let all know that No. 52 at Magee is still on top. We are making new members and renewing members. We once had about 65, but some died, some quit, some transferred, etc. We have boiled down to the pure grease now and we are moving on.

Yours truly,
J. H. HUBBARD,
Magee, Miss.

Mr. Editor: No. 127 of Shubuta, Miss., wishes to let you know that we are still marching forward. We have 79 members on our roll and all of my members are true and loyal. We are on our way to the station. Yours for the cause,

MRS. CARRIE JURRY.

To Mr. W. R. Smith of Magee, Miss.:

I wish to express my profound sympathy to you in the loss of your dear son. It is very painful to us to lose those who are so near and dear to us, and yet there comes a time that we must part.

E. F. YOUNG.

To the Gen. Pres. of the H. B. A.:

I wish to state that the Cohay delegation was very well pleased with the great work that was done at Silver Creek. We have never witnessed so much business transacted among our people. You, as president, and your son, as secretary, are the right men in the right place. I don't think we will ever miss an H. B. A. Board. Our lodge, No. 189, sent up six delegates as follows: L. M. Martin, A. Shelby, Sidney McClain, C. Gregory, I. Love and A. Shelby. May God bless you all in your work.

A. SHELBY.

NOTES FROM ORA, MISS.

The mission meeting on the fourth Sunday in March was the greatest in the history of the society. The following churches took part in this great meeting:

Mt. Bulah, Williamsburg, Friendship of Collins, Leach's Chapel of Collins, Marsh Grove of Kola, Providence of Collins, Macedonia of Collins.

A splendid program was rendered by Mrs. Margaret Deham of Ora.

MRS. DORA McLAIN, Pres.
MRS. C. L. BLUE, Sec.

TAMOLA DOTS

Prof. A. Buckley and Dr. H. B. Pierce were visitors of Tamola a few days ago. Dr. Pierce of Laurel is a wonder doctor. We enjoyed their stay. We recommend Dr. Pierce to any community.

S. M. JACKSON.

Prof A. Buckley is making the H. B. A. hum wherever he goes along.

The annual sermon preached at Enterprise by Rev. G. W. Arnold for the Enterprise lodge was very good. Rev. Arnold was at his best. Prof. Buckley was with us and added 10 members to our lodge.

H. R. EVANS,
President.

An annual sermon at Lumberton, preached by Rev. Jordan, pastor of the M. E. Church, was well attended. Prof. A. Buckley was with us, gave a lecture and took in 10 members.

MRS. S. L. WATSON,
President.

Miss Lucy Highland of Ellisville, Miss., was married to Mr. Johnnie Johnson of Laurel, Miss., on the 28th of March. Rev. Pope of Laurel was present and joined the couple together in holy wedlock at 9:30 o'clock. There were quite a few present to witness this occasion. Miss Highland is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Highland of Ellisville, Miss. Miss Highland was of great service to her community. She was church clerk, secretary of No. 54, Sunday and public school teacher.

We hope for the new couple the best of success.

We have just had a leter from Bro. V. C. Clayton who is now in East St. Louis. He states that he is doing well and still has the H. B. A. at heart. We hope for him the best of success.

Mrs. Eliza Bourdeaux, mother of Bourdeaux Brothers, is now visiting her relatives in Omaha, Neb.

Rev. C. L. Pringle has organized a lodge in No. 3 since the Board.

CRANDALL DOTS

Crandall, Miss.

Mr. Editor: Please give space for a few dots.

Mr. Frank Campbell, Jr., was carried to the hospital at Meridian, on March 1, suffering with appendicitis. Our wishes are for a speedy recovery.

On the third Sunday in Feruary, 1925, Mr. Cleveland McClendon and Miss Iola Mae Donald were married at the home of the bride. Miss Donald is the daughter of Prof. and Mrs. S. L. Donald, also one of the graduates of Tougaloo College, class of '24. She is principal of Shiloh school.

Miss Sadie M. E. Slay is visiting her sister in Kentucky. We wish for her a nice time.

Mr. Vaden Dunn's car was standing at a certain gate the first Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Powe was on his job the 1st. They say, "If Israel is not saved Jacob will not lose his reward."

Prof. S. L. Donald reports a fine time up at the turpentine still where he is teaching.

Mrs. Slay says Crandall is yet on the map.

Rev. Jenkins says look out for I am building.

Mr. C. B. Campbell is in the chair and wants all the young people that will to report at Sunday School each Sunday at 9:00 a. m. Older people are not left out.

Bro. N. A. Ford was home the first Sunday and reports a nice time on the job where he's at. His many friends were glad to see him.

"Progress and Development" are the themes of discussion. What's the difference?

BOOSTER.

Prof. W. M. Turner preached a strong sermon on Easter at Mt. Pleasant C. M. E. Church.

Lumberton, Miss., April 6, 1924.

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in The Echo to say a few words concerning the actual growth of the H. B. A. in this part of the State.

First, it is far-reaching—setting up monuments. It is the highest tower of society. Again, it has attracted the attention of both white and colored. Just yesterday, Sunday, we had with us Rev. E. L. Fox, pastor of Silver Creek Church and H. B. A. We were dining and some one hailed at the gate. Wife went and found it to be Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ray, white people, and postmistress. Just a few greetings. Mr. Ray gave his little boy 50 cents to give me for the H. B. A. They walked half a mile to aid the H. B. A. This makes three of the best white people of this community who have helped us financially. This was done in the presence of Rev. Fox.

So let the Board go to Heidelberg, or any other burg, but we are going ever. Our Vice-President is working up a lodge at Brooklyn, Miss. So let the Harpers blow their harps at Heidelberg, we will get the gravy—yes, good gravy. I think Brother Handy Dandy got sick. Cheer up old booster, you can shine.

Greetings to all H. B. A.'s.

Yours faithfully,

B. J. WILLIAMS, No. 120.

MT. PLEASANT, COLLINS, EASTER DRIVE

Rev. R. L. Young and his good people raised over $100.00 in their Easter drive. They raised $25.00 over their share. Mt. Pleasant and Collins are on top and moving forward. These two churches have raised about $600.00 this year.

The drive was lead by Mrs. Mamie Easterling, with Miss Hattie McNair and Mrs. Janie Powell coming second and third, followed by Mrs. Mary T. Easterling.

All local presidents are asked to watch the next issue of The Echo. If you have deceased members in your H. B. A. lodge and their names do not appear in the death list please notify me at once.

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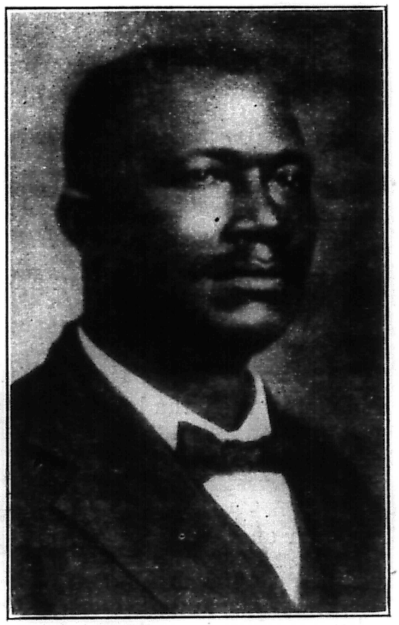
THE HOLBROOK BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION IS A GROWING ORGANIZATION

The above named Association is an institution organized for the purpose of caring for the sick, burying her dead, and the promotion of the best interests of our people; this she has done to the admiration of all she has come in contact with. Eighteen years ago she fell dead and lay dead for two years. But she was brought to life with 33 members and three local lodges. She met the requirements of the State at the re-installment. We were paying 25c per member at the death of a member. Thus you can readily see that had we lost a member in the beginning we would have paid just $8.00 death claims. One of the 33 would have been dead and 32 would have been left to pay on the one who died.

Since that time this order has put thousands of dollars into poor suffering people's pockets. It has helped many persons who were not able to help themselves.

This Association has no limits; she is now paying over $200.00. You do not have to put all she gives you in the ground. If you can be put away for $50.00 you will have more than $150.00 to help you the cold and rainy days.

We have a first class charter, a first class Bond, which amounts to $6,500.00, in Jackson, Miss., for the protection of policyholders. This is not only an order doing business on a common ordinary line, but this order is a part and parcel of the State of Mississippi, and all who are members of it have State rights and State protection. This order is a corporation, and the only one in this part of the State. We can buy anything we want to buy and own anything we can pay for. We now own a nice building at a cost of $7,500.00, and we are up with our notes to a "t." We are doing what the business world calls business. The business world is saying to us, go on, while the other class is running around trying to stop us, but their crying and fighting the H. B. A. will amount to what the death of Christ meant to Christianity—it means live forever: live when others fail.



REV. E. F. YOUNG
General President of H. B. A.

We are collecting money enough to care for at least half of our notes from the rent of the building.

I want to appeal to the loyal presidents and members who have stood by "Old Young" these past years, to stick to me as you have done and I will lead you on to victory. If you get worried, bothered, and weak, just come to "Old Young." He knows and he cares for you. It was you, good folks, who gave me my son as secretary of this Association. You know that I never could make anything out of the Association until he was elected. We (he and I) work together; we are one; we don't fuss; what I want done is done; we council; we discuss; we examine; we walk side by side. We cannot get along well without each other; I need him and he needs me. Let this old army march on, for there is a bright day ahead.

E. F. YOUNG,
General President.

OUR MOTHERS

(By Mrs. R. L. Young)

As this paper goes to press one of the truly great days of the year—Mother's Day—is approaching, and I thought now would be an appropriate time to say something through the columns of this paper in behalf of our mothers.

I think it was Abrahan Lincoln who said: "All that I am or hope to be, I owe it to my angel mother." So few of us realize the honor and respect that a mother is due. Often we hear the expression coming from people in every walk of life, "I could not have done this or that had it not been for mother. She believed in me, and encouraged me when others saw nothing in me." Dorothy Dix, the noted writer, says: "In the shadow of every great man's fame walks his mother. She has paid the price of his success. She went down into the Valley of the Shadow of Death to give him life, and every day for years and years thereafter she toiled incessantly to push him on toward his goal."

It is indeed a strange fact that our mothers, the moulders of the world, should get so little credit and should be so seldom mentioned among the world's achievers. Whenever a man reaches any degree of success, all the praise and credit is given to him. Nobody thinks of the quiet, insignificant little woman in the background, who in most cases has been the real power. His education and chance to rise

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LOOK OUT!

Just a few words to local presidents and members. As you know we now have a large number of our people who quit the H. B. A. and went to the C. B. A., since they have found that there is nothing to the C. B. A. at death but a burial, they are flocking back home. We love our folks and are glad to have some come back, but listen. We have some people who are too sickly, too old and worn out to get back into the H. B. A. It is better for you to keep such people out. They will draw all the money out of your treasury, and the first thing we know all of these old sick and decrepid people will be back and they will be a big burden on the Association. They were at one time in the H. B. A. and they should have stayed. If he or she is out and wants to come back you have the privilege of balloting on him as if he were a new member. It will pay us to guard ourselves against such. I am sure that some of the local presidents and lodges had people on hand that you really wanted to get rid of but it was hard to do. Now, listen, if that fellow is out who was always a burden and a trouble to the lodge, it will pay you to keep him out.

The geenral body had some men and women who were nothing but fuss makers, but now we are rid of them and they quit themselves, but it is harder to get back than it was to quit. We want members true enough —but sick and worn-out members are to be compared with old sick and good-for-nothing hens.

Sick chickens hardly ever lay.

SECRETARY.

H. B. A. DOTS

Mr. Jessie Hunter of Enterprise Lodge visited our office a few days ago.

Rev. H. B. Leach is now in the city on business.

Rev. H. Ray visited the office a few days ago.

Mrs. Ella Morrell of No. 76 made a round report at the last Board.

Mr. Jas. Lagrone put over a successful program at Haven Chapel M. E. Church on Easter.

Mr. Matthew Powell, secretary of No. 110, paid us a visit and reports his lodge in splendid condition.

Rev. R. L. Young has accepted an invitation to Porterville, Miss., on the 8th of May to No. 96 and preached an annual sermon for President F. L. Key.

Rev. C. L. Pringle has organized a new lodge at Waynesboro, Miss.

Prof. A. Buckley is on the sick list.

Rev. R. L. Young preached the baccalaureate sermon at the Covington County Training School on May 3rd.

H. B. A. No. 85 reported in the last Board as follows: Back dues, $1.45; dues, $3..00; death claims, $25.20.

We regret very much that Mr. J. T. Crowe, cashier of the Merchants & Farmers Bank, was so badly injured in an automobile accident a few days ago that it caused his death. The H. B. A.'s bought their property from Mr. Crowe, and he always appeared to be a real gentleman. He was a great friend to the Negro, and was always willing to help those who were willing to help themselves. The H. B. A. Association extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

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Pictures of the H. B. A. building are now on hand. The cost is postage and 10 cents. Any one desiring pictures may send 12 cents in stamps and we will gladly send you one. If any president desires to make an order for his lodge he may notify me at once—Box 1043, Meridian, Miss.

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have been given because of her sacrifices. The mother of a great son or daughter deserves just as much honor as the great son or daughter themselves. A man's wife can do much towards polishing and boosting him up the ladder of success, but unless those underlying principles have been instilled by the mother, the wife labors in vain. It is the mother who must give him the desire for knowledge, and the muscles to climb with. It is impossible to make a clod of dirt shine. You must have the right material to work with in order to produce results, and by the time a man marries, his character is formed, and he changes very little afterwards. It is not the knowledge that a man acquires in his older years that influences him. It is the things that he learned at his mother's knee, the principles she instilled in him in his cradle, the taste and habits she formed, the strength and courage that she breathed into him.

I do not wish to paint in your minds a picture of sadness, but let us think for a moment of some of the many things a mother has to undergo. When one is stricken in the home with some sort of a contagious disease and everybody is afraid, who is it that stands holding the cup of cold water to our fevered lips? Who is it that will bend over us day and night fighting with almost supernatural strength the greatest of all enemies—death? Is it not the mother? Who is it that stands over the oven preparing the meals, and when dinner is served will choose the neck of the chicken in order that the children and father may have a plenty? Who is it that stays home from the concert, social, or place of amusement in order that the children might have a little spending change? Who is it that crucifies her love of pretty clothes, her desire for good things, her longing for pleasure, that her children might enjoy all of these? Who is it that sacrifices her love for reading and self-improvement for the present and future life of the young ones? Is it not the greatest of all heroines—Mother? No one else makes the sacrifices or endures anything like the suffering that she uncomplainingly endures for her children. There is no one in the family whose services will begin to compare with those of the mothers, and yet there is no one who is more generally neglected, or taken advantage of. She must remain home at evenings and look after the children when the others are out having an enjoyable time. Her cares never cease. She is responsible for the household work, for the preparation of meals; she has the chilrden's clothes to mend or make, there is company to be entertained, darning to be done, and a score of little duties to be performed. No matter how loving or thoughtful the father may be, the heavier burdens, the greater anxieties, the weightier responsibilities of the home, and of the children fall on the mother.

I have not mentioned these things from a pessimistic point of view, but simply to remind thoughtless young men and women, and old men and women of the debt children owe their mothers. You know we have any number of young men and women who go through high school and college, and after coming out strong and refined are ashamed to introduce their old mother to their friends, when she has sacrificed her all, impaired her health by taking in washing, house-cleaning, and doing all sorts of menial work in order to give her boys and girls an education and the benefit of price-opportunities that she never had, and often she is rewarded with total indifference and neglect. Do not wait until mother is on her dying bed to tell her that she has been a good mother. Do not wait until she is dead to pile flowers on her casket. She would appreciate some flowers while she lives.

Upon this day every one should think of the humiliation and suffering of the mother, who has given all the best of her life to a large family, battling very often with poverty in her efforts to dignify her little home and give her children the advantage of an education when she realizes that she is losing ground intellectually, yet has no time or strength for reading, no opportunity to broaden her mental outlook by traveling or mingling with the world. But this is nothing compared to what she endures when, after the bloom of youth has faded, and there is nothing left but an old worn out wrinkled being, she awakes to the consciousness that her children are ashamed of her ignorance, and desire to keep her in the background.

I know of no other movement that deserves any heartier support than National Mother's Day. Every one should make it a real Mother's Day by honoring our mothers in the flesh, those of us who are so fortunate as to have our mothers with us, and in the spirit, those of us who are not so fortunate. Let those of us who honor in spirit, if we are fortunate in having one in the home, to take the place of mother as best she can, not forget to give the proper honor and respect.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912

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State of Mississippi,
County of Lauderdale—ss.

Before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Roy L. Young, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor and Business Manager of The Echo, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

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ROY L. YOUNG.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of April, 1925.

(Seal) R. H. JEMISON, J. P.

My commission expires Jan. 1, 1928.

THEADVILLE DOTS

Dear Editor: Just a few words to let the readers know that Miss Bessie Hopkins was married to Rev. Montgomery of Water Valley Circuit on March 28 at the home of the bride, Mrs. Jennie McCray. Misses Howard and Banks were flower maids; Miss C. Moss and Miss B. Campbell were candle bearers; Mr. J. Hopkins was groomsman; Miss Mary Hopkins, bridesmaid; Mrs. B. E. Donald presented the bride cake. Miss Bessie is one of Theadville's best productions, being active in church work. She is from one of our best families. Rev. Montgomery is one of Alabama's leading pastors. He holds first place in the A. M. E. Church. A large crowd witnessed this affair.

On the 19th of April the following persons were at Stonewall to witness the closing of Prof. S. Adams' school: Mrs. Rosie Lee Hopkins, B. E. Donald, I. E. McCray, Miss Lureal (Pie) Donald, Mr. Joe Donald, Columbus Moss and Jacob Hopkins. We understand that the graduating exercises on the 22nd was grand.

Mr. John McCray has a very sick boy. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. J. looks O. K. riding with Mr. J. They smile now.

Rev. Jenkins says success it must be. Yes, of course, Mrs. and Miss Jenkins were out visiting him for a week. Mrs. Jenkins was taken a little ill but reports a nice time. She seems to enjoy the country just fine.

Why were so many people's heads tied up on the fourth Sunday? Didn't you know it was class day? Oh, I see.

BOOSTER.

Dear Editor: This is my first time to write an article to The Echo. I wish to say that this is a grand old order, known as the H. B. A. She cares for her sick, goes to the bedside and to the grave if necessary. I have her at heart. That which this order will not do we will have to go to the Lord for it. I have, I am, and I ever will stand with her in her trials and tribulations. But every stumbling block she has had was a step by which we were to go higher. I would to God that every (good) Negro in the State were a member of the H. B. A. It means to unite together, it means union, and union means power. Though we have had some to fall, but everything that shines is not gold. God tried Gideon and all that could not lap water as a dog would not do to fight.

The H. B. A. tried her host and all who could not see the advantage in owning a home could not stand the fight. So H. B. A.'s, let's not look back at the fellow who has taken back tracks. Some of them are always talking about the "Youngs." That's all right. The Youngs have the good and they are letting us have them. As long as I can get what the other fellow has if I want it I am satisfied. They have it and we can get it. I want to say that I have a loyal set of members. Our meeting day is the second Saturday evening, and we will be glad to have visitors.

I will now close.

W. L. McDADE,
Pres. H. B. A. No. 85.

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LETTER ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY JESUS CHRIST

The original letter, said to have been written by Christ, was found, it is alleged, in the early days of Christianity by a child.

From the hands of the child it is said to have passed into the possession of a convert of the Christian faith. For some reason the letter was never published. He kept it as a sacred momento and it passed on to his eldest son on down through many generations, but never was published.

There is a promise that whoever may have a copy of this letter in their possession will prosper and be followed by good fortune, if they publish it, but if they do not heed the command, bad luck and misfortune will follow them until it is made public.

The tradition being that when it finally was given publicity it had been in this one family for more than a thousand years.

During this period of time the story goes, the family suffered repeated and continuous misfortune.

Discouraged members of the family emigrated to countries other than where the letter was found, which was evidently Palestine, and finally one of them came to America, bringing the fateful letter with him.

Finally, as the last member of the family lay on her death bed, she called a neighbor woman named Thompson and gave her the letter, relating its history.

The Thompson woman's attempts to have the letter published were rewarded when it appeared in the Rome, (Ga.), Tribune, Oct. 31, 1891. From there it was reprinted in the Dalton, (Ga.), Citizen, and Mrs. Fannie Wortman of Marion, Ind., clipped it from the paper, keeping it in her possession for many years. Recently Mrs. Wortman had it republished in a Marion paper, stating that during the time she had retained the letter in her possession without having it published, or attempting to, she has had a species of bad luck, which she attributes to her failure to secure publicity for the letter.

It is my prayer that this be published.

Here is the letter:

"Whosoever work on the Sabbath day shall be cursed. I command you to go to church and keep holy the Lord's day without any manner of work. You shall not idle or misspend your time in bedecking yourself in superfluities of costly apparel and vain dressing, for I have ordered it a day of rest, and I will have that day kept holy that your sins may be forgiven you.

"You will not break my commandments, but observe and keep them, they being written by my hand and spoken by my mouth.

"You will not only go to church yourself, but also your man servant and maid servant. Observe my word and learn my commandments. You shall finish your work every Saturday at 6 o'clock in the afternoon, at which hour the preparation for the Sabbath begins. I advise you to fast five Fridays in the year, beginning on Good Friday and continuing the Fridays following in remembrance of the five blood wounds I received for you and mankind.

"You shall love one another, and cause them that are not baptized to come to church and receive the holy sacrament—that is to say, baptism, and then the supper of the Lord, and be made a member thereof, and in so doing I will give you long life and many blessings. Your land shall be replenished and bring forth abundance, and I will comfort you in the greatest temptation, and surely he

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BAPTIST SEMINARY CLOSES

On May 10, at 11 a. m., the auditorium of the spacious buildings at the Baptist Seminary was crowded with people to witness the commencement sermon to be delivered by Dr. J. T. Hill of Hot Springs. The people had to get there between showers and yet there was not standing room. The address was very timely and befitting for the occasion. His discourse was very logical and all were proud of the chance to hear him.

At 3 o'clock a mass meeting was held at the Court House. This spacious building was filled to its capacity except the reserved seats held for our white friends. This was a meeting worth while. Dr. Hill seemed to have been at his best. We wonder with Dr. Hill why our white friends were not out. We had only three to be present. Dr. Hill said that is one great mistake the Southern white man has made. He has left the Negro too much to himself.

I believe that if we would have had two or three hundred of our white people present it would have meant much to Meridian. Dr. Hill is not a radical but rather conservtaive, more so than we would expect, and yet he says what ought and should be said.

Prof. G. M. Reece was given much praise for the great work that he has done in Meridian for our people and his church. He has been in Meridian more than a quarter of a century. He and his loving wife have given their life's work to the school of which they are at the head.

Mrs. Reece should be commended for the splendid showing that she and her students made in rendering music for the occasion.

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EDITORIAL

A few days ago I was in conversation with Mr. Frank Berry. I found out that some of our presidents have misrepresented the truth. Some one has put out the news that I, R. L. Young, have been writing letters to the presidents of the H. B. A. in behalf of the Bourdeaux Bros. undertaking establishment. It is a mistake. I have not written one of you a letter. Bourdeaux Bros. got out a letter and asked me for the address of each president. They have been after the addresses for more than two months, and I have not had time as yet to give them all of your addresses.

It is reported that I have been knocking the Berry Undertaking establishment. That is not true, and no one will or is able to speak the truth when he utters such.

Now let me proceed to tell all just what I have said and will say again. I said and do say until now that Bourdeaux Bros. are renting from the H. B. A.'s, paying $27.00 each month for rent, and it is our indispensible duty to show to them that we appreciate their rent. How can we show it? By helping them whenever we can. What man is crazy enough to rent a man a house and then will go around and tell all the labor concerns not to hire that man—don't give him any work to do? What man will rent a farm to some farmer and then advise all merchants not to sell him seeds? What man will rent a fellow a dray and then tell people not to patronize that drayman? What man would rent a doctor an office and then advise the people not to patronize that doctor? I don't believe a foolish man would do that. If he did how in the world would he expect his pay? Where is it to come from?

Bourdeaux Bros. are to some extent depending upon the H. B. A.'s for support, and why shouldn't they? They are helping the Association, and we would be a poor association if we were not willing to help them. Not only are Bourdeaux Bros. dependent upon us to some extent but Berry & Gardner are dependent upon us to some extent, Beal & Strayhorn are dependent upon us to some extent. Why shouldn't they be?? All three of them should look to us for support. It is right that they should. We are all Negroes, and we are in some way dependent upon one another. I do not mean to say that these companies could not exist were it not for the H. B. A., for that would be saying too much, but I do say that they can and should better exist and prosper because of the existence of the H. B. A.

If some one is looking for Berry & Gardner I have no right to tell him not to go to Berry & Gardner but go to Bourdeaux Bros. If some one is looking for Beal & Strayhorn what right have I to persuade that person to go to Berry & Gardner, or why should I persuade that person to go to Bourdeaux Bros.? Now there are people who do not know just which undertaker they want, then I have a right to persuade them to the one of my choice, and you have the same right. As long as Berry & Gardner are in business they are going to get work to do. As long as Bourdeaux Bros. are in business they will get work to do; as long as Beal & Strayhorn are in business they will get work to do. Why and how can I say this? I can say it because all of them have friends, and some people don't want one, but will take the other. Yes, with emphasis, we should patronize all of our undertakers so long as they give us service. That is what we want—real service. Yes, with emphasis, we should show our appreciation to Bourdeaux Bros., and we would not be loyal if we desired to sap the life out of them and give them nothing in return. No one need be uneasy fearing that one of the undertakers will get all of the H. B. A.'s—the only way that will and can be done is for two of the companies to go out of business and leave one. But as long as we have three, Berry & Gardner will get some, Beal & Strayhorn will get some and Bourdeaux will get some. They are in the business and have a right to some of the business. Beal, Berry and Bourdeaux are members of the H. B. A., and if I wanted to tell you, I could say the position that each of them took just a few months ago when we were struggling for life in this old association. I know the stand that all of them have taken, yes, I know it. They do not have to tell me anything. I know what they did and I know what they didn't do. You may want to know what they did or "didn't," Well, I know and I will keep knowing and keep some of you guessing, especially those of you who do not know. I know the position that each house has taken; if either house has done harm I know it, and if either has done good I know it. And some of the rest of us know. I hope it is clearly understood that I desire each of these establishments to be patronized, for they are a part of us. Again I say that it is our bounded duty as to whether we do it or not, to give Bourdeaux Bros. some of our patronage. It is up to the presidents and members. I cannot and would not dare attempt to dictate what you must do—it's none of my business; it's out of my power. But I can truly and don't mind saying what you ought to do.

A few weeks ago a man came to my home and asked that I call a certain undertaker. I did it. His wife an-

swered the phone. In a short while he was on the scene. I did not tell the person to get Bourdeaux, neither did I tell him to get the other. He told me what the people wanted and I called that man. Amen!

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that doeth to the contrary shall be cursed.

"I will also send hardness of heart on them, and especially on hardened and impenitent unbelievers. He that hath given to the poor shall find it profitable."

Sabbath day injunction:

"Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. For the seventh day I have taken as a resting day to myself.

"And he that hath a copy of this letter from my own mouth, and keepeth it, without publishing it to others, shall not prosper, but he that publisheth it to others shall be blessed by me, and if their sins be as many as the stars at night, and if they truly believe they shall be pardoned and they that believe not this writing and my commandments will have my plague upon you, and you will be consumed with your children, gods, cattle and all other worldly enjoyments that he hath given you. Do but once think of what I have suffered for you; if you do, it will be well for you in this world and in the world which is to come.

"Whosoever shall have a copy of this letter and keep it in their house nothing shall hurt them, neither pestilence, lightning, nor thunder; and if any woman be in birth and put her trust in me she shall be delivered of her child. You will have no more news of me except through the Holy Scripture, until the day of judgment. All goodness and prosperity shall be in the house where a copy of this letter shall be found. 'Finished.'"

DOTS FROM ROYAL HEART SOCIAL CLUB

The Royal Heart Social Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dunn, Thursday evening, May 7. After the opening exercises, the president, Mr. Butler Bryant, offered prayer. The roll was called by the secretary, Mrs. Eugene Turner. At the roll call all members responded by paying their dues.

A short business meeting was held and many helpful discussions were had which meant progress and prosperity for the club.

The club was nicely entertained by Mrs. Dunn and husband. A nice plate lunch was served to the delight of all.

The last event was a guessing contest. Mrs. Maggie Johnson and Mr. Eugene Turner won the prizes.

The club has raised more than $15.

NOTICE

In the first issue of The Echo after the Board we published a list of local lodges that failed to report. News has reached the office that some of the presidents had received the folks' money but failed to report it. I shall publish them again for information of all concerned. Every president and every member should know how the other fellow is getting on. I had a letter from Mr. J. A. S. Fairly of Wiggins stating that he sent me a special, but I do not have it recorded on any of my books, neither do I have his report blank. Something is wrong somewhere. I had a letter from Mr. Joseph L. Green of Jackson, Miss., but he has not sent me any money, if so, I have not received it. The general president has ordered me to state through The Echo that each local president who failed to report in the last Board is fined $2.00 and suspended until said fine is paid. The local lodge is suspended until the last assessment is paid. The lodges are as follows:

H. B. A. No. 116 at Mt. Olive, Miss., Joe Jackson, president.

No. 124 at Vicksburg, Miss., M. L. Evans, president.

No. 132 at Summerland, Miss., G. W. Knight, president.

No. 132 at Mendenhall, Miss., Sam Cooper, president.

No. 174 at Wiggins, Miss., Jas. Fairley, president.

No. 175 at Shubuta, Miss., Homer Bufkins, president.

No. 184 at Laurel, Miss., W. A. Nunery, president.

No. 188 at Jackson, Miss., Joseph L. Green, president.

No. 191 at Heidelberg, Miss., J. J. Pierce, president.

No. 91 at Meridian, Miss., Mose Lee, president.

As yet I have received no reports from the above-named since last December. If any members have reported to the above-named presidents they still have your money in their pockets and you out of the H. B. A.

R. L. YOUNG,
Secretary.

NOTICE!

The H. B. A. Boards meet as follows:

No. 3 at Heidelberg, Miss., June 15.

No. 1 at Pleasant Hill, five miles from Meridian. June 16.

No. 2 at Elizabeth, June 17, out from Lauderdale, Miss.

I shall let you know just how to get there and just where it is as soon as I hear from Mr. S. B. Bell.

Presidents of No. 3 will please collect $1.35 per member dues and death claims.

Presidents of Nos. 1 and 2 will please collect $1.50 dues and death claims.

We have ten deaths in Nos. 1 and 2, which will equal 13 1-2c for each death. In the last Board we had eight deaths. We have two more this time and we do not want to pay less than $200.00. Some may say that they are not going to pay it. Well, listen! Suppose it were your mother dead, don't you think that we should pay it? Do you think that it would be right for the people to say they were not going to pay just because you could not help yourself and died? All of us would live if we could, but we die because we can't help ourselves. Suppose you were dead and your children were looking for the money? Don't you think they should have it?

LOOK! LOOK!

Big Excursion Picnic at Laurel, Miss., on June 8. Train will leave Meridian for Laurel on the above date. Picnic given in behalf of St. Paul M. E. Church. All H. B. A.'s are invited to join in.

The city authorities of Laurel have made us welcome. Watch the next issue of The Echo.

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In the last issue we reported a death for No. 57—Jane Thompson. We were on our way to the press and wanted all deaths to show up in The Echo. After searching our records we found that she was not in good standing with the Association and will not be paid off.

Mr. Tom Jackson of No. 111 was in our office a few days ago. Shortly after he left, in came I. English of No. 69.

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NOTICE!

The H. B. A. Boards meet as follows:

No. 3 at Heidelberg, Miss., June 15.

No. 1 at Pleasant Hill, five miles from Meridian, June 16.

No. 2 at Elizabeth, June 17, six miles east of Lauderdale, Miss.

Presidents of No. 3 will please collect $1.35 per member dues and death claims.

Presidents of Nos. 1 and 2 will please collect $1.50 dues and death claims.

We have ten deaths in Nos. 1 and 2, which will equal 13 1-2c for each death. In the last Board we had eight deaths. We have two more this time and we do not want to pay less than $200.00. Some may say that they are not going to pay it. Well, listen! Suppose it were your mother dead, don't you think that we should pay it? Do you think that it would be right for the people to say they were not going to pay just because you could not help yourself and died? All of us would live if we could, but we die because we can't help ourselves. Suppose you were dead and your children were looking for the money? Don't you think they should have it?

All presidents are asked to collect 25c from your lodge for the publication of your report in The Echo.

Some certain good presidents are permitting members to stay in their lodges who have not paid their bond fee. Some have not got policies. What are you going to do with them? Boys you had better look out.

NOTICE!

Watch the "X" on your paper. It means to inform you that your subscription is out. Please renew.

JUVENILE BOARD A SUCCESS

Our Juvenile Board that has just closed was quite a success. We raised a very creditable amount of money. We have some lodges that failed to report.

Parents, why not put your children in the Juvenile department? Samuel asked Jessei for all his children—16:11. I am asking the H. B. A.'s, have we all of their children? If not now is the time to let us have them. The General President has been a safe leader for us in the H. B. A. Then why not let him have your children? Will you shut your children out of doors while you are housed in the H. B. A.?

D. B. BORDERS,
Sec. Juvenile Dept.

WHAT TO DO WITH LIFE

(By Darlyn Brown)

Brother President and Members of the Juvenile Department: "What Shall I Do With My Life?" This is an important question. I wish to say that I shall use my life in helping others. I shall help them to learn of Christ. Learn the many auxiliaries of the church. I shall give my life to help make the race and nation better. I shall use it to please God. I shall use it for the development of mankind.

Prof. A. Buckley of Enterprise, Miss., agent for the H. B. A., is still confined to his bed. The doctor reports that his case is a bit serious. Prof. Buckley has done a great work for the H. B. A.; we should ever remember him in our prayers and finance as well. We were over to see him a few days ago. He has great will power and yet he is very weak. The Association sympathizes with him and his family, and we hope for him a speedy recovery.

WECHSLER PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSES

The Wechsler Public School of this city, of which Prof. T. J. Harris is principal, had a very successful closing. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. D. M. Jordan, one of the instructors of Haven Institute. Many compliments were given Rev. Jordan for the splendid and well-delivered sermon. If we are correctly informed, Prof. Harris is turning out about ten graduates this year. There seems to have been only one young man in the number. As I gazed upon those young women, outnumbering the young men eight or nine times, I wondered what kind of men would be their future husbands. They will have to take some two-by-four fellow or postpone marrying for a long while.

HAVEN INSTITUTE CLOSES

One of the most successful commencements in the history of the institution has just come to a close at Haven Institute and Conservatory of Music. Dr. J. B. F. Shaw, president of the institution, announces that he has a class going out this year that numbers 53. There are three receiving certificates, making a total of 56.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, Jr., A. M. D. D., Jackson, Miss. The sermon was short and full of thought. We have but few men in our race that have the preparation that Dr. Bowen has.

Miss M. E. Knox of H. B. A. No. 33, is organizing a Juvenile lodge in her section of the city. Miss Knox is a lover of the H. B. A. and one of No. 33's best members. She is one of those who has been there since its organization. She answers every call and never complains.

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EDITORIAL

A few days ago we were in Holly Springs, Miss., to witness the closing session, and to be at the trustee meeting of M. I. College. It is quite a pleasure to visit our school at Holly Springs and view the beautiful buildings located on our campus. The last building was erected at a cost of more than $100,000.00. President Ramsey, his faculty and student body have raised more than $8,000 this year for the school. So great was President Ramsey's work that he was elected for another year by a unanimous vote.

We were glad to meet some of our old friends—Rev. W. R. Ramsey, P. E. of the New Albany district; Rev. M. C. Steward of West Point, Rev. Tom Clay, a man that we had heard much talk of as a preacher; Rev. Barksdale, brother of Rev. E. D. Barksdale; Rev. Kimbrew, Rev. Holbert and a score of others. We were proud to see one of our own boys, Mr. Elisha McNair, from Bassfield, Miss., there making good. We need more *men*.

Enterprise, Miss., June 1, 1925.

Dear Editor:—

Please allow me space in your paper to thank the General Secretary and President for their visit to our father's bedside, which was highly appreciated, not only by him, but the entire family.

On the following Saturday night the H. B. A. Lodge from West Side, Enterprise, gave him a little surprise, just about the time the sun had done its day's labor, and for the night. They came over in cars, headed by Rev. Ford, parked quietly, and stole inside the gate and began singing a song so soft and sweet that was not only a consolation to our father, but to all those around. They marched around his bedside singing, and prayer was offered by Rev. Ford. They bestowed upon him many gifts, and also left a good collection.

We the children are exceedingly overjoyed to see our father live, and accept some of the rewards of his labor from a society that he has been serving. His condition at this writing is unchanged, but thank God, in his suffering condition most every face he looks upon is an H. B. A.

Again thanking you all for your visit, not only H. B. A. members, but every one, we thank for their prayers.

His son,

E. A. BUCKLEY,
Reporter.

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in your paper to say a few words about Lodge No. 71, D'lo, Miss. We are still in the fight for higher grounds. We met the Sep. Board of last year at Prentiss, Miss., with only two members for No. 71. We reported in December at Hattiesburg with four members. We reported in March with 22 members at Silver Creek. We have enrolled at present 54 members and we feel very much encouraged over the situation. The trip that Rev. I. C. Harper of Hattiesburg made on the night of the 26th of April, meant so much for us. He did a great work in the interest of the H. B. A. We feel like we are going with the crowd now. May God bless our leaders of the H. B. A.

MRS. B. SMITH, Sec.

MOTHER

Though many changes time has wrought around my childhood home,
I see it as in days of yore, when back in dreams I roam.
Though many years have come and gone (there's been at least a score),
I can still see Mother knitting beside the cottage door.

I wonder if the golden hair which crowned her gentle brow,
Has changed beneath time's cruel touch, and gleams with silver now.
I wonder if her eyes aglow with love-light warm and clear,
Hase lost their luster and grown dim through shedding many a tear.

I wonder if her cheek's soft pink which spoke of robust health,
Has faded as the years slipped by and robbed them of their wealth.
I wonder if her steps grow slow—those tireless, patient feet—
Whose quick pace ne'er seemed to slacken while there were tasks to meet.

Though many changes time has brought unto my Mother dear,
I know her voice retains the same sweet tones I long to hear;
For in her voice lurks a charm untouched by ruthless time,
The melody of mother-love, that music most sublime.

TELL IT TO THE MARINES

The wife and daughter of Lieutenant Berry, of the Great Lakes naval training station, approaching a gate to the station, were haled by a sentry on duty there who had orders to allow no one to enter by that gate.

"Sorry, but you'll have to go around to the main gate."

"Oh, but we're the Berrys."

"Lady, I don't care if you're the cat's meouw, you can't go through this gate."

Don't forget the Big Excursion to Laurel, Monday, June 8th. All your friends will be there, and you may expect a good time. Plenty of fun and refreshments.

H. B. A. DOTS

Rev. S. L. Harrison and wife of Enterprise, Miss., were in the city a few days ago. Mrs. Harrison was called to Atlanta to her sick father's bedside. Rev. Harrison is doing well at Enterprise. He and his good people raised $359.00 on Easter and about $50.00 on Mother's Day. Rev. and Mrs. Harrison are members of H. B. A. No. 74. Mr. R. D. Dunlap is the local president. Rev. Harrison is to preach an annual sermon for the H. B. A.'s out at Magnolia Church in a short while. He is a man who knows how to get into the hearts of his people. He is always full of life and will keep one laughing most of the time. Rev. Harrison is a graduate of Haven Institute and Gamon Theological Seminary. We predict for him a splendid success at Enterprise.

Dear Editor: Just a few lines to let you and the many readers knwo that H. B. A. No. 77 at Ellisville, Miss., lost one of its best and most loyal members in the person of Bro. John Smith. He joined this lodge when it was first organized. It is our loss but we trust it is heaven's gain.

Yours for the H. B. A.,

MRS. BETTIE FAULKNER,
President.

Dear Editor: This comes to let the readers of The Echo know that No. 95, at Carmichael, Miss., is doing well. I am one of those who was obligated in the beginning of No. 95. I can truthfully say that we have a good leader as our president in the person of Rev. C. L. Pringle (called by you "The Blue String"). He is doing a great work in our section. I just wish we had some more men like Pringle. He has stood the test. I am proud to say that we have a loyal set of members. We have paid as much as $159.00 in one year for doctor bills, and we never have put on an extra assessment. We pay 25c each month home dues. We have a strong treasury and everybody is talking about the good the H. B. A. is doing. In our monthly meetings we are blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit. We shall be H. B. A.'s until we hear the welcome voice saying, "Enough done, come up higher." May God bless you in all your work.

SAM LINDSY,
Reporter.

When a person has once been a member of the H. B. A., and quits, the law provides that said member shall produce a certificate from the lodge he last belonged. If this is not done, whoever takes a member in his or her lodge violates the law. Agents, presidents, etc., you had better watch yourselves; somebody is after you. If the lodge to which the member belonged is dead then you should get a certificate from the general secretary.

The editor is having a large number of requests to speak and preach annual sermons. We are sorry that we can not fill half of them, but we are busy three Sundays in each month. The second Sunday is our only idle day, and sometimes we are busy that day.

The General President was with Brother F. L. Key on the 8th of May. The Secretary could not go and it hppaened that the President was at home on that date. He reports a splendid time with Brother Key and his good people. They had plenty of that good old chicken, hog, etc. Well, Key and his people are good at that.

I would like to ask all persons who write for information and the like to please enclose return postage. We buy sometimes as much as $1 worth of stamps each week for ordinary correspondence.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gray of Carson, Miss., wish to thank their many friends of Meridian for the kindness and hospitality shown them in the two or three days' illness that caused the death of their little daughter, Willie May, who was with her aunt, Mrs. Estella Young.

The H. B. A. building report blanks are out and each local president has been asked to collect his building fee and send it to the office not later than June 1. We asked you to collect 10c per member from those who had paid up to March. You were also expected to collect 10c from your new members who had not paid anything on the building. The amount to be paid is 55c per year, and all old members who have been in the H. B. A. for the year are due to have paid at least 45c. We have one more collection for the year, that assessment is to be paid in September, that will close up the work for 1925. We have some people who will dodge and run from one lodge to another in order to get out of paying the assessment, but such persons should always have a demit from the lodge they last belong.

The agents and local presidents should be commended for the splendi dwork that is being done in the H. B. A. Rev. I. C. Harper and Rev. C. L. Pringle are continually organizing new lodges. Not only that but they are adding new members to the old lodges. Our other agents are not organizing new lodges, but they are adding on new members. The local presidents are doing their bit. We have received over $100.00 bond money for new members since the last Board.

The General President and Secretary visited H. B. A. No. 69 a few weeks ago. Mr. I. English is local president of No. 69. Mr. J. W. Pace of No. 177 at Shubuta, was also a visitor as well as Mr. Tom Jackson of No. 111. Many encouraging things were spoken of by all the visitors. After dismission, Pres. English and his good people filled the tables with a fine, palatable supper, as well as many cold drinks. This was quite a surprise to the visitors. It is reported that some not only filled their stomachs, but their pockets. We are always proud to visit such lodges. The last surprise was a little cash handed the general officers. We want to go to No. 69 again.

LOOK! LOOK!

Big Excursion Picnic at Laurel, Miss., on June 8. Train will leave Meridian for Laurel on the above date. Picnic given in behalf of St. Paul M. E. Church. All H. B. A.'s are invited to join in.

The city authorities of Laurel have made us welcome. Watch the next issue of The Echo.

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H. B. A. DEATH NOTICE

1. J. D. Pack, No. 31; died Jan. 28. S. B. Bell, president, Lauderdale, Miss.

2. Eliza Bates, No. 72; died March 7, 1925. D. H. Watson, president, Meridian, Miss.

3. Annie Hall, No. 31; died March 29, 1925. S. B. Bell, president, Lauderdale, Miss.

4. Beacher Burton, No. 56; died March 15, 1925. Mary Moore, president, Enondale, Miss.

5. Fannie Steward, No. 42; died March 31, 1925. A Steward, president, Lauderdale, Miss.

6. M. King, No. 19; died April 5, 1925. H. Edwards, president, Meridian, Miss.

7. Sam Holford, No. 138; died April 21, 1925. I. P. Triplett, acting president, Brooksville, Miss.

8. Millie Burton, No. 40; died May 6, 1925. Hattie Smith, president, Toomsuba, Miss.

9. Laura Mumford, No. 39; died February 16, 1925. J. J. Overstreet, president, Lauderdale, Miss.

10. Bettie Ward, No. 8; died Apr. 10, 1925. A. Ward, president, Bonita, Miss.

No. 3

1. Henry Scott, No. 109; died February 22, 1925. Charles Franklin, president, Laurel, Miss.

2. Carmila Hooks, No. 95; died March 22, 1925. C. L. Pringle, president, Carmichael, Miss.

3. Martha Magee, No. 165; died April 3, 1925. H. J. Green, president, Laurel, Miss.

4. Willie Kirksey, No. 183; died March 21, 1925. L. L. Watson, president, Lumberton, Miss.

5. Ophelia Donald, No. 82; died April 24, 1925. Thos. Blakney, president, Quitman, Miss.

6. Carrie Reece, No. 189; died April 25, 1925. L. M. Martin, president, Cohay, Miss.

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On the 28th of May, Meridian was favored with the visit of W. W. Phillips, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of the Stringer Grand Lodge, State of Mississippi.

The officers of Rescue Lodge were installed by Grand Master Phillips as follows: Henry Strayhorn, W. M.; J. B. F. Shaw, S. W.; G. C. Thomas, J. W.; W. J. Mack, Treas.; C. M. Dockery, Sec.

Grand Master Phillips promises to return to us at the annual celebration of Masons.

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H. B. A. BOARDS STILL ON TOP—RAISED $4,992.44

On June 15, the gallant host of H. B. A.'s of District No. 3 were on their way to Heidelberg, Miss. Pres. R. McCormick of No. 195 and his loyal members were on the job. Of course they were less than three months old, but we were royally entertained by this membership. On June 16, we were at the old historic Pleasant Hill No. 9. Mr. D. B. Borders is the hustling local president. Borders is hard to beat. Some of the boys hate to see him move on, but he can safely be called the "Old Wrecker." He picks up the wreckage, smooths things off and sails on. He just moves on and pays no attention to the little windstorms that carry with them so much hot air that it causes spontaneous combustion. Rev. Rush, the pastor of Pleasant Hill, is a strong member of the H. B. A.; he is one who is standing by us. He says the H. B. A. is "all wool and a yard wide," and for that cause he is going to stick with the H. B. A. There are some people who will try to cut a preacher's "meat and bread" off if he advances the cause of the H. B. A., but all preachers don't have to be dependent, and thank God for them. We just need a few more Rushes. Pleasant Hill and her friends saw to it that plenty of food was on the ground, and a real good time was had. President Borders took in about five applications for membership.

On June 17th, automobiles were burning gasoline and eating up distance. We soon found ourselves six miles east of Lauderdale, at Elizabeth No. 31. Mr. S. B. Bell is the energetic local president. Bell is another who knows no failure. You talking about feeding, raising money,

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NOTICE

Elsewhere in this issue the General President has spoken of a big H. B. A. drive. The plans are simply fine, and we want to put them in operation at the convention. We want each local president to pledge himself to bring in at least five new members by the Septemer board, each local agent at least 25, and each general officer 35. It is easily done if we just make up our minds to do so. We want to especially urge Nos. 1 and 2 to do your best. I understand that there will be a few prizes given to the winners, and we are going to publish the standing of each contestant in the Echo. We do not want any one to become so enthused over the drive that he will take anybody—those who are too old, too young, or of bad health and morals. Let the slogan be "One Thousand New Members."

NOTICE

The H. B. A. convention will meet at Laurel, Miss., Monday and Tuesday after the third Sunday in July, with President C. L. Brown of No. 92. I have sent each president who is in good standing a convention report blank. Each president is requested to collect 3c from each member and report same at the convention. If you fail to meet the convention please see to it that your report is sent in.

Mrs. W. M. Turner of Mt. Olive, Miss., had charge of the children's day program which was put off until the first Sunday in July at Mt. Pleasant C. M. E. Church. The program was one of the best we have ever listened to. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are great assets to the Mt. Pleasant community. They will soon be off to Alcorn for the summer normal.

BIG H. B. A. DRIVE

To the loyal members of the H. B. A.: Be sure to get ready and let's make a hit: (1) We want 1,000 new members by the next board; (2) Want all general officers, all local presidents and agents, all members to do your best for new H. B. A.'s for the next 90 days. We have the finest proposition that has ever come to us in the history of the association, but we must have 1,000 members added in the next 90 days. We can do it, boys. A nice prize is to be offered of which I shall tell you more about at the convention. Put on your best thinking cap for the convention. I see daylight breaking, boys. Now is the time to hit, and hit hard.

E. F. YOUNG,
General President.

Laurel, Miss.

Rev. R. L. Young, Editor:

Just a few words to let you know that I have been out to Brooklyn, Miss., and set up a lodge for Prof. Buckley. He had begun the work and was not able to finish it, therefore he sent me. While on my way to Brooklyn the news reached me that he had passed to the great beyond. I could only do the thing he asked of me, and now I shall have to turn the lodge over to you all to finish. I organized with 18 members. They are to be installed by some one who has that power. I desire to turn this lodge over to you, as the last work of Prof. Buckley before he departed this life.

Yours for the H. B. A.,
MRS. ELLA MORRELL,
President No. 76.

Mr. B. F. Sherrod visited our office a few days ago. He is now connected with H. B. A. No. 61. We are informed that he has been chosen as local president.

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JUVENILE CONVENTION AT UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

The first attempt to hold a juvenile convention was made a few days ago. The session was held at Union Baptist Church, of which the Rev. J. T. Davis of our city is pastor. It is reported that the session was just grand. Of course there was misunderstanding among the guides and the Juvenile Secretary, and this caused a large number of the guides from the rural districts not to be present. The welcome address by Miss Ruby McLendon was just grand. It is reported that the program rendered by Mrs. D. H. Watson and her little children was just wonderful. The Juvenile department has on a big drive. This department is destined to be what the old mother H. B. A. is. We are told that the Juvenile department is going to send a delegate to the convention at Laurel, Miss.

Rev. R. L. Young will preach the annual sermon for Rev. C. L. Pringle at Carmichael, Miss., on the second Sunday in this month.

Rev. Evans, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, was at our office a few days ago.

PROF. A. BUCKLEY GONE HOME

It is very sad and painful to know that Prof. A. Buckley, one of the true and loyal H. B. A.'s for the past five or six years, has departed this life. Prof. Buckley died on the third Sunday in June. Rev. G. W. Arnold of Shubuta, Miss., attended the funeral. The editor was very sorry that he could not be at the funeral, but Mrs. Young was in the hospital and he could not leave her bedside. Prof. Buckley has meant much to the Association. He has been a hero in No. 3. We are confident that up to his death he had organized more lodges in District 3 than any other one agent. We wish to extend to the family our deep sympathy and regret in the loss of one whom we all loved.

Dear Editor: To the bereaved family of Prof. A. Buckley, we wish to express our sincere sympathy in the loss of their father.

REV. E. L. FOX.
Silver Creek, Miss.

MRS. J. B. F. SHAW PASSES AWAY

The many friends of Mrs. J. B. F. Shaw were painfully shocked a few days ago when it was learned that she had departed this life. Mrs. Shaw had done her greatest work at Haven of this city. She always wore a smile, and to know her was to love her. The body was laid to rest in the L. S. & D. cemetery.

We wish to extend to the family our deepest sympathy in the loss of this great woman.

Dear Secretary: This is to inform you of the death of one of our members, Brother John Cole, who died in good and regular standing with the H. B. A. Our lodge turned out and made a creditable showing. The funeral was preached by Rev. Adams of Meridian. He is gone but not forgotten.

H. JENKINS,
President No. 114.

C. B. A. BOARD A GRAND SUCCESS—RAISED OVER $800.00

We have been informed that the C. B. A., of which Rev. G. E. Williams is general president, is moving on nicely. They have just closed a successful board. They had about seven deaths. We understand that they raised a nice sum of cash. We are reliably informed that they raised over eight hundred dollars dues and death claims.

H. B. A. DOTS

Mr. S. B. Bell, president of No. 31, Elizabeth Lodge at Lauderdale, Miss., the place where the last board was held, is giving a big H. B. A. display on the first Saturday in August. A big time is expected. Everybody is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson were in our office a few days ago.

Read the Monitor, edited and published by Rev. N. W. Wallace of this city.

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in the Echo to say a few words about my parade that we had on the 28th. We marched through the town of Cohay with about 60 members. We had a nice march with Brother John Rankins and his members. Rev. W. M. Harda preached our annual sermon. We added seven new members to our lodge, and raised $47.45. We marched to a sick brother's house and gave him $4.10. We gave a poor blind man $9.95. We had preaching at night. You know we had plenty to eat. Tell all the H. B. A.'s we are gone.

L. N. MARTIN,
Pres. Lodge No. 189,
Cohay, Miss.

Isaac Edwards, son of H. Edwards, president of No. 19, was shot and instantly killed last Sunday evening by Johnnie Williams, a taxi driver. Williams is now in the county jail.

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paying it out, making big speeches and having a "hog-killing" time, but we had it that day. The boards that we hold now remind us of the old-time boards. We just meet together in peace and harmony and do business. If you want to see some real business just meet an H. B. A. board. Below is the reports from some of the local lodges, especially those that paid 25 cents publication fees. If any one paid and your number does not show up please notify me.

DISTRICTS 1 AND 2

No.	Dues.	Death.	Back.
1	$ 5.10	$ 47.25	$
2	6.45	59.40	2.70
3	3.00	28.35	
4	5.10	47.25	
5	1.80	17.55	
8	.45	5.40	
9	2.85	27.00	1.50
11	1.35	13.50	
13	1.20	12.15	
18	1.20	12.15	
19	3.30	31.05	
20	6.60	60.75	
21	5.70	52.65	
22	3.00	28.75	
28	8.25	75.60	
30	6.15	56.70	
31	4.95	45.90	
32	3.15	29.70	
39	8.55	78.30	
40	5.85	54.00	
42	3.60	33.75	
44	1.50	14.85	
45	.90	9.45	
47	1.80	15.60	
50	2.10	20.25	
53	1.80	17.55	
54	1.20	10.80	
56	2.10	20.25	
60	1.80	17.55	
61	1.35	13.50	
64	7.80	71.55	
67	1.35	13.50	
69	4.80	44.55	
70	3.90	36.45	
72	6.15	56.70	
79	4.65	43.20	
84	.75	8.10	
85	3.45	32.40	2.60
93	5.55	51.30	
96	4.95	45.90	
98	3.60	33.75	
100	1.50	14.85	
110	4.20	39.15	
111	1.05	10.80	1.35
113	2.10	20.25	
121	2.55	24.30	
122	1.95	18.90	
125	2.10	20.25	
135	.30	4.05	
136	1.80	17.55	
138	.30	2.40	
139	2.10	20.25	
157	1.80	17.55	
161	.90	9.45	
186	.60	6.75	

DISTRICT No. 3

No.	Dues.	Death.	Back.
23	11.85	96.00	
49	1.80	15.60	
52	4.05	33.60	
57	21.00	169.20	5.40
58	2.10	18.00	2.70
63	1.65	14.40	
66	1.05	9.60	
71	6.75	55.20	
75	.90	8.40	
76	3.60	30.00	
77	1.50	13.20	
80	5.20	43.20	
82	7.20	58.80	
92	4.05	33.60	
94	1.80	15.60	
95	7.20	58.80	
99	1.20	10.80	
102	7.35	60.00	
103	2.70	22.80	
105	6.30	51.60	
108	6.30	51.60	
109	1.80	15.60	
118	3.75	31.20	
119	8.40	68.40	
(March report for 119, $77.75)			
120	5.10	40.80	
124	1.80	15.60	
127	9.30	75.60	
130	5.40	44.20	
133	12.30	111.90	
145	2.85	24.00	4.00
146	2.85	24.00	
147	.75	8.10	
148	.90	8.40	
151	3.15	26.40	
152	3.15	26.40	
153	4.50	37.20	
159	3.15	26.40	
160	6.60	54.00	
163	1.05	9.60	
165	4.50	37.20	
166	2.10	18.00	
168	1.65	14.40	
173	5.80	48.00	
177	2.40	20.40	
178	1.65	14.40	
179	2.70	22.80	
180	.75	7.20	
181	6.60	54.00	
183	1.05	9.60	
187	.90	8.40	
189	6.60	54.40	
190	2.25	19.20	
193	1.05	9.60	
194	2.40	20.40	
195	7.20	58.80	
196	1.35	12.00	
198	2.85	24.00	

The following lodges and presidents are still suspended because of failure to make reports:

H. B. A. No. 116 at Mt. Olive, Miss., Joe Jackson, president.

No. 124 at Vicksburg, Miss., M. L. Evans, president.

No. 132 at Summerland, Miss., G. W. Knight, president.

No. 132 at Mendenhall, Miss., Sam Cooper, president.

No. 174 at Wiggins, Miss., James Fairley, president.

No. 175 at Shubuta, Miss., Homer Bufkins, president.

No. 184 at Laurel, Miss., W. A. Nunery, president.

No. 191 at Heidelberg, Miss., J. J. Pierce, president.

No. 91 at Meridian, Miss., Mose Lee, president.

The following amounts were raised during the last boards:

Back death claims	$ 44.40
Public collection	7.63
Echo subscriptions	18.00
Echo publication	27.25
Building fee	115.30
Bond	100.50
Dues	440.00
Death claims in 1 and 2	1,817.00
Death claims in No. 3	1,998.36
Grand total raised on all claims	$4,568.44

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We were also ready to take up our June note which amounted to $424.00, making a grand total raised this quarter of $4,992.44. We just lacked a few dollars of raising $5,000.00.

Hurrah for the H. B. A.'s.

It takes H. B. A.'s to raise that much money. The next board of No. 3 meets at Shubuta, Miss., with Mrs. Carrie Jurry of No. 127. No. 2 meets with No. 93 at Shuqualak, Miss., with President E. G. Brookshire. No. 1 meets with J. F. Chapell of Zion Hill No. 2. Get ready, boys, we must keep the flag.

Nos. 1 and 2 paid $181.70 to each representative; No. 3 paid to each, $222.04.

PLEASANT TREATMENT ANYWAY

The man in the corner seat was heard to groan so horribly that he frightened the other passengers, and one hastily produced a flask and told him to take a good swig at it. Which he did.

"Do you feel better now?" asked the giver.

"I do that," said the man in the corner.

"What were you suffering from?"

"Suffering from?"

"Yes; what made you groan so?"

"Groan! Why, confound you, I was singing."

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H. B. A. DEATH NOTICE

DISTRICTS 1 and 2

1. Caroline Jordan, No. 39, died March 26, 1925. J. J. Overstreet, president.

2. Tildy Mosley, No. 39, died April 4, 1925. J. J. Overstreet, president.

3. S. Stokes, No. 53, died Feb. 23, 1925. Esau Sledge, president.

4. G. W. Welch, No. 120, died May 13, 1925. Rev. M. S. Knott, president.

5. Roxie Lee, No. 3, died June 6, 1925. R. W. Radcliff, president.

6. Annie Miller, No. 110, died May 27, 1925. J. W. Smith, president.

7. Alice Whitfield, No. 110, died July 10, 1925. J. W. Smith, president.

DISTRICT No. 3

1. Harriet Stringer, No. 160, died April 29, 1925. W. J. Tate, president.

2. Joe Hogan, No. 119, died April 9, 1925. Rev. J. M. Moore, president.

3. Will Chambers, No. 102, died June 13, 1925. Mrs. M. J. Hall, president.

4. S. J. Patrick, No. 80, died June 2, 1925. J. H. Drakford, president.

5. William Crowel, No. 99, died March 17, 1925. W. M. Barnes, president.

6. Bell Roberts, No. 119, died May 18, 1925. Rev. J. M. Moore, president.

7. Will Williams, No. 23, died June 11, 1925. F. H. Thompson, president.

R. L. YOUNG,
Gen. Secretary.

P. S. If any president fails to see your deceased member on this list please notify me in writing.

DEATH OF MRS LIZZIE B. SHAW

Mrs. Lizzie B. Shaw, wife of Dr. J. B. F. Shaw, departed this life Friday, June 26, 1925. It was a very sudden death and a shock to all who knew her. She was buried Tuesday, June 30, 1925. The funeral was held in the College auditorium. It was largely attended, friends from far and near came to pay the last respect to this good and noble woman.

She devoted her life in the upbuilding and shaping the lives of the young people. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, daughter and sister, and as the poet has said "None knew her but to love, or name her but to praise."

The funeral was among the largest that has been in Meridian among our people.

Mrs. Shaw was buried in a steel metallic, air-tight casket. She was laid to rest in the Laboring Sons' cemetery.

"She is gone but not forgotten." Her memory will always remain in the minds of those who knew her, and especially the young people.

She leaves a father, husband, two daughters, three sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

MRS. M. P. STRAYHORN,
Reporter.

NOTICE

The Meridian District Conference and Sunday School Convention will convene at Sumrall, Miss., July 22-26. Rev. E. D. Barksdale and his good people are doing all they can to make things pleasant.

E. B. CHAPMAN, P. E.

On July 18 there will be a big picnic at Good Hope C. M. E. Church, Russell, Miss. Sunday is also to be a high day.

THE PREACHER AND PUBLIC OPINION

It is fundamental that the preacher know the state of public opinion in the community, whether it be a city or a town or a countryside; and equally fundamental that he be abreast of it. What is the judgment of the best and directive minds as to civic affairs, industrial and social conditions, law enforcement and moral reform? To what extent will these minds incarnate their judgments in practical action, whether it be by speech, philanthropy, social organization, or the ballot? This is the frontier on which the preacher's mind must be at home and from which he has to speak. For there is no more pathetic spectacle than that of the belated preacher; one who, in a day of industrial democracy, is thinking in Victorian terms of unorganized labor and aristocratic privilege; who, in a day which emphasizes duty, is discoursing of religion as a philosophy of escape. In a day when the progress of biology is popularized until it is remaking the minds of reading men and women everywhere; when the high schools are familiarizing young people with electrons and amoebae; when the radio is pouring the life of the world into the sitting rooms of the farmhouse and the village as well as the city; the preacher who cannot speak intelligently in respect to science, who cannot respond intelligently to the political perplexities raised by the events of this world, will speak with little effect when he discusses other worlds, of which it may reasonably be doubted whether he knows any more. His knowledge and his outlook upon life must keep pace with the best minds of his community.

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STANDING OF CONTESTANTS IN THE 90-DAY H. B. A. NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We haven't got long to stay here, we've got to drop on down the line:

R. L. Young, Gen. Sec.	18
C. L. Pringle, Pres. No. 95	8
Mrs. Mabel Kendrik, No. 186	6
I. M. Moore, Pres. No. 119	4
C. C. Mitchell, Pres. No. 153	3
Jerry Lang, Pres. No. 152	2
E. M. Dunn, Pres. No. 178	1

The above members have been added since the Drive was put on. Who will win the prize. Boys, there will be a hot time in the old camp for 90 days. Who will be the next to have the honor and distinction to get on this list?

H. B. A. No. 95 MAKES BIG SWEEP—18 MEMBERS ADDED

On July 12 the editor was at Carmichael, Miss., with Rev. C. L. Pringle of No. 95. It had been several years since we were at Carmichael. When we arrived on the ground the church yard in every direction was thickly lined with autos and people. For at least one hour after our arrival the people and the autos kept coming, and before the services began we needed a building just three or four times as large to accommodate the people.

At the proper time the services were begun, the ladies conducted the prayer services after which a program was rendered by the Juvenile department. Mrs. Pringle should be commended for the splendid work that she, her sister and others are doing in that community for our people. The wonderful program rendered by the little children was worth listening to. After the program was ended, Rev. Pringle, the "Blue String," arose and gave us a grand and noble address, setting forth the object, duty and purpose of the H. B. A. Rev. Pringle is a strong worker, and whenever some big thing is to be put over we must reckon with Pringle.

The speaker of the hour was then introduced. We tried to deliver a message that would be pleasing to the Master, and we feel that we accomplished our attempt. Our hearts burned and tears streamed from our eyes because of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The two Pringle brothers and two Pringle sisters are making things move at Carmichael. Not only these four, but the gallant host of No. 95 is moving forward.

The collection was taken by the Secretary, little C. L. Pringle, and Brother E. M. Dunn, president of No. 178 at Hiwanee, Miss. We do not know the exact amount raised, but we are confident that we raised about $35.00 by the time all members had paid.

Mr. E. M. Dunn raised the public collection, and to our surprise he raised about ten or twelve dollars from the public.

The following presidents were present and helped make the day's success:

C. C. Mitchel, No. 153, Jerry Lang, 159, E. M. Dunn, No. 178, Rev. J. M. Moore, No. 119, H. A. Hays, No. 130 We looked for Mrs. Carrie Jurry of No. 127, but we failed to see her, though some of her members were present.

After the collection was over the door was opened for the reception of H. B. A.'s. There was a rivalry among the presidents; one was trying to beat the other, and had you been there you would have felt good. The presidents of No. 3 have all lined up to make No. 3 bigger and better. Let's go, boys, the "90-Day Drive" is on. When we were through we had added 18 new members. We are going to publish the list of contestants in each issue of The Echo on page four. Are you going to get in the number?

Mr. Lindsay, the H. B. A. photographer, was also present. He was called upon to give a short lecture and he carefully took care of the situation. Mr. Lindsay is a young business man of our city and there is no reason why we should not be proud of him. He has done more and better work in his profession than any other man of our race has done in and around Meridian. He and little Flanders made a nice lot of pictures for the many friends who were present. We are always glad to help those who try to help themselves. Mr. Lindsay is a strong member of the H. B. A., and all H. B. A.'s should stick by him. I don't mean stick by him just because he is an H. B. A., but because he is a business man trying to make a name for himself and race.

We are always glad to go to No. 95, and we wish we were able to fill many other engagements that come to us.

Let's go, boys. Pringle has got 95 and gone.

Mr. W. H. Patton, one of our white merchants of Shubuta, Miss., was present. Pringle says that Mr. Patton notifies him that he has got two more lodges for him to organize in Shubuta. Go on, Mr. Patton!

NOTICE

All persons going to Laurel for the H. B. A. Convention will go to the Laurel Drug Store and you will be told where the meetings is being held.

NOTICE

We are glad to have short interesting articles from our friends at any time. But please remember we cannot publish long subjects and addresses delivered by you on some special occasions unless it is a masterpiece, well written and punctuated. Our paper is a bit small and will not carry three or four addresses.

We have a long letter from one of our best friends, Mr. A. L. Smith. The name is one that we are familiar with. Mr. Smith was local president of H. B. A. No. 27 for a number of years. He always made splendid reports, and we were, indeed, sorrw to lose him. Mr. Smith is now in Fairfield, Ala., in the undertaking business. Any one desiring to write him may write to 5228 Commerce Ave., Fairfield, Ala.

Mr. J. B. Otis, brother of Mrs. R. L. Young, has just returned from Iowa College, of which he has received his B. S. degree. Mr. Otis has accepted a position at Pineywood School, Braxton, Miss. Mr. Otis was elected delegate to the International Y. M. C. A. conference at Lake Jeneva, Wis., which was held June 12-23. This was quite an honor to be conferred upon Mr. Otis. Mr. Otis reached his home, Carson, Miss., on July 4. He has spent some time with his people and friends at Carson. He also spent two or three days with his sister. Mrs. Young. He is now at Pineywood planning his work for the year.

News comes to us that the wife of Mr. John Huff, of Quitman Lodge No. 82, died July 13, 1925.

Pleasant Grove H. B. A. No. 1 met Saturday, July 11, and elected officers for the next two years. Mr. I. M. Martin was re-elected president. He has been president of No. 1 for 20 years. Razzy Young was elected vice-president, Miss Jully Brown and Mrs. Annie Smith were elected secretaries. Mrs. M. L. Martin was elected treasurer.

BIG H. B. A. DRIVE

To the loyal members of the H. B. A.: Be sure to get ready and let's make a hit: (1) We want 1,000 new members by the next board; (2) Want all general officers, all local presidents and agents, all members to do your best for new H. B. A.'s for the next 90 days. We have the finest proposition that has ever come to us in the history of the association, but we must have 1,000 members added in the next 90 days. We can do it, boys. A nice prize is to be offered of which I shall tell you more about at the convention. Put on your best thinking cap for the convention. I see daylight breaking, boys. Now is the time to hit, and hit hard.

E. F. YOUNG,
General President.

NOTICE

The H. B. A. convention will meet at Laurel, Miss., Monday and Tuesday after the third Sunday in July, with President C. L. Brown of No. 92. I have sent each president who is in good standing a convention report blank. Each president is requested to collect 3c from each member and report same at the convention. If you fail to meet the convention please see to it that your report is sent in.

TACT, SURE ENOUGH

Two negro soldiers "over there" were discussing politeness and tact.

"Now," inquired Sam, "Just what is de difference between politeness and dis hyer tact?"

"Ah'll enlighten yo're intelleck" replied his friend. "When Ah wuz back in de States, Ah wuz wukkin' at de Waldawf. One day when Ah wuz shoffeh to a vacurum-cleaneh, Ah opened a bafroom doh, and dah waz a lady a-settin' in de baf tub. Ah shet dat doh quick an' sez: 'Beg yoh pahdon—suh.' Dat 'Beg yoh pahdon' was jes' p'liteness, but, boy, dat 'suh' wuz tact."

"Is that all the work you can do in an hour?" asked Sam's new employer.

"Well, boss," said Sam, "I dussay I could do moh'—but I nevah was one for showin' off."

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Prof. Owens of Quitman and Miss Buckley of Chicago, the daughter of Prof. A. Buckley, visited our office a few days ago.

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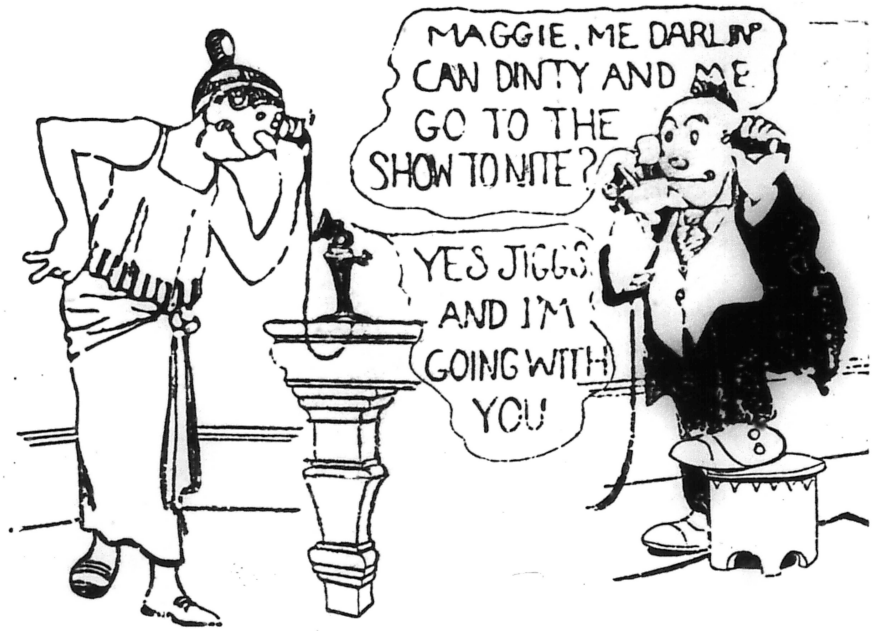
Mother, don't you think that dad should join the H. B. A. with us while the Drive is on?

Yes, darling, his application is in and he must ride the Goat. It will be a show.



By golly, I forgot about that H. B. A. Drive, and tonight is the last chance. Jiggs, we must be made in the H. B. A. tonight, and that will be show enough.

SPECIFIC HEAT

Beginner in physics, talking to another novice: "The freezing point may be 32 degrees Farenheit, but I met a flapper last summer who froze me up when it was 90 degrees in the shade."—*Selected.*

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Prof. J. M. Reece, principal of the Baptist Seminary of this city, has promised us that he will visit the Convention at Laurel at least one day and lecture to the delegation. We have invited Dr. J. B. F. Shaw to be present and address the delegation. Both of these men are men of experience as well as of special training. It will be a treat to the Association to have these distinguished gentlemen present.

We are all proud to see Dr. R. B. Matthews of this city on the go again. Dr. Matthews received one or two broken ribs in an auto accident while making a rush call to the late Mrs. J. B. F. Shaw.

INSPIRATION

A maiden passed with silken hose
Well suited for display,
A spinster puckered up her nose,
And turned her head away.

The maiden went her way content,
The men all stopped to stare;
And then the spinster up and went
And bought herself a pair.

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H. B. A. CONVENTION FOR JULY, 1925, NOW HISTORY

The H. B. A. Convention for the year 1925 is not a thing to be anticipated, not a thing to be hoped nor looked for, but it is now recorded in the annals of history. It is history that the true-hearted H. B. A.'s are proud of. I have been connected with the H. B. A. in an official manner for more than 12 years, but never have I witnessed such a meeting as was had at Laurel a few days past. Everybody was peaceful and loving. All of us tried to present our best selves. The evil spirit was left at home. The spiritual side of the meeting was just grand. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. L. A. Lindsay, the father of our official photographer of this city. It was our first time to hear Rev. Lindsay, but it is a known fact he took care of the situation. His subject was, "Be Faithful Uuntil Death." We were all made to rejoice while the man of God explained to us the mysteries of God. Rev. Lindsay was the first of about forty persons to give his application for membership in the H. B. A.

The local program, of which Mr. James Thigpen was master of ceremonies, was just grand. The principal address was made by Mr. D. H. Hare, a real estate agent of Laurel. Mr. Hare is one of the leading men of our race in Laurel. He and Mr. Thigpen are putting forth every effort to make the Laurel colored fair a success. We shall speak more about the fair in other issues.

After the program was rendered Rev. L. Fox of Silver Creek was introduced as speaker of the hour. His text was "What Think Ye of Christ, and Whose Son is He?" Rev. Fox took us away at his own will, put us down and would take us up again.

We were expecting Prof. G. M. Reese of our city, but he failed to get there. Nevertheless, Dr. L. J. King, P. H., of Laurel, Dr. T. J. Barnes, M. D., of Laurel, Rev. J. B. Brown, the good pastor of the church where the Convention was held; Mr. D. H. Hare and Mr. James Thigpen certainly took care of the situation. All of these gentlemen made good speeches and addresses. Dr. Barnes took us off our feet when he arose and stated that he would give free aid and calls to any H. B. A. who got sick while attending the Convention. Dr. King came in the afternoon and stated he would furnish all the medicine free for H. B. A.'s while in Laurel should anyone get sick. Never had such an offer been made to our Convention. Dr. King and Dr. Barnes are men of high standing. We need a few more such men.

Brother C. L. Brown and his good people did their best to make it pleasant for us. We had a big delegation and it was no little job to care for the Convention.

We suspended business for fifteen minutes and sang two songs and were led in prayer by Rev. G. W. Arnold in memory of the late Prof. A. Buckley.

Number three has grown to the extent that we had to divide it. We now have four districts. It will take us four days to hold our boards instead of three.

For the good of those who were not present I wish to state that the Convention passed that each lodge must pay $2.00 in the first Board after the Convention for the president's subscription to the Echo and for the publication of its report for one year. This must be paid by the local lodge and not the president. If the president's subscription is not out the lodge must pay enough to extend the subscription to the September Board, 1926.

All officers made splendid reports. The agents had done a splendid work during the year. Number three is bigger than one and two. The presidents and agents of one and two are now doing their best to put themselves back on record.

The General Secretary reported that from 1916 to July, 1925 we had 442 deaths in the H. B. A. These persons had received (their representatives) $88,400.00. The H. B. A. has raised this amount on death claims. In the past nine years we have raised over $100,000.00 in death claims and dues. This does not include medicine and doctors' bills from the local lodges. The next Convention meets at Tabernacle No. 18, five miles east of Meridian.

SILVER MOON No. 93

Shuqualak, Miss., July 15, 1925.

Dear Editor of The Echo:—

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to announce the death of one of our most loyal members in the person of Brother Wilson Coleman, who died on the 13th inst. He was a great man, a useful man, a loyal man to both church and society; always at his post, and never pulled back when duty called. He being chaplain of No. 93, would never fail to ask God to make each member stand fast in the work of the H. B. A., and he himself intended to go down an H. B. A. This he did. Our loss is heaven's gain.

E. G. BROOKSHIRE,
Pres. No. 93.

They tell me that one more has been caught with whisky. If you violate the law you may expect to be caught; if you are caught you may expect to be punished.

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THE NEED OF TRUE LEADERSHIP

To the Echo:—

While thinking of the leaders and would-be leaders of our race the thought comes to me that it is very bad for one to play the "black hand" on his race. I am reminded of a man that received a letter from the "black hand" society to leave $5,000 under the church doorstep by 9 o'clock on a certain night. Failing to do so he would be kidnaped. The man went to the church at the appointed time and put a letter under the steps. The man stated that he did not have $5,000 but he was in sympathy with the movement.

I am in sympathy with some of our people who are being carried off by false leaders. After awhile they are going to fall and great will be the fall.

Some of our people are as weak as water, and I don't mean a lot of it. I mean a cupful. A weak, untruthful, sorry leader is detrimental to our race. I think that our business men and our leaders should be very careful as to how they hit and try to kill good things of our community, for it will all come home to you. You may be a "big Ike," but your support must come from the poor people. You need not look for many smiles from a man whom you are trying to kill. You may say that you are not trying to kill him, but what is the difference? You are trying to kill his business.

When I was a boy I thought it very cruel in my step-father to beat me with sticks and then would not allow me to cry. After bracing up and doing my best not to cry he would proceed to make me cry by whipping me with plow lines or trace chains. It seemed to have been his desire to kill me. We have a number of our leading men who have that same desire toward the old H. B. A., but, oh, "Bud," you will have to beat what you are doing. We are going to get up soon with you and sit up late. We are going to stay up until you go to bed and go dead asleep.

Some of our people are living all kinds of lives, but show me how many are trying to lay some plans to better the conditions of our people. It is usually get all and give none. You can appoint any date you desire to organize something worth while and if you don't mind you will meet at the time set by yourself. Just set a time if you will to tear up something and the whole town together with a large portion of the country will be there to help tear it up. I don't care what it is—they will tear up the church.

Friends, let's stop trying to tear up everything. If you don't like a thing don't try to tear it up, for somebody else may like it.

For sixteen years I have been president of the H. B. A. but never have I presided over a convention that was more peaceable, and that exhibited a better spirit than the one held at Laurel a few days ago. May the Lord bless all delegates who attended the convention. I wish to compliment all of you for the manner in which you conducted yourselves.

The fault-finding crew is gone to themselves; when I say crew I mean those false leaders. Just wait awhile, all of them will be put on the scales in short and they will be found wanting. The people are going to find you out.

E. F. YOUNG,
General President.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS IN THE 90-DAY H. B. A. NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The time isn't as long as it has been. Just look how these lodges have made a change.

I. C. Harper, Vice-Pres.	50
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Ellisville No. 55	10
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Mrs. Mabel Kendrix, No. 186	6
Will Bradford, No. 201	5
J. M. Moore, No. 119	4
C. C. Mitchell, No. 153	3
R. C. Chapman, No. 193	3
A. Evans, No. 196	3
W. M. Barnes, No. 99	3
A. Price, No. 141	3
Jerry Lang, No. 159	2
J. Johnson, No. 71	2
J. W. Lott, No. 173	2
H. Hayes, No. 130	2
J. H. Hubbard, No. 52	2
E. M. Dunn, No. 178	1
A. L. Orange, No. 190	1
R. D. Dunlap, No. 74	1
H. J. Green, No. 165	1

Let's go, boys. Your name would look good on this list. I, as your secretary, am doing my best to get 100 in the drive. In order to get on this list all presidents must send in bond fee. Agents may send application blanks filled out correctly.

The Convention pictures made at Laurel are the best we have ever had. Write the Lindsay Studio for one at once. Just a few more on hand.

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

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I have held the office of treasurer for 16 years, and your committee on treasury report has not found it one penny short, and that is something to be proud of. Sixteen years ago this order was looked upon as the little girl with a short dress on, and the hair with the three "e's"—Mattee, Kinkee and Nappee, but today she has on a long dress and the hair straight, and all have their eyes on her. Keep your eyes on us and give us the right of way.

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DOTS

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in the Echo to say a few words about our annual services that we had on the 12th. Owing to the lateness of the hour our march was cut short. We were blessed to have representatives from nine different lodges, viz: Rev. John Moore, No. 119, Bro. Jerry Lang, No. 159, Bro. E. M. Dunn, No. 178, Bro. Mitchel, No. 153, Bro. Horace Hayes, No. 130, and a host of others I have not space to mention.

The program was rendered as follows:

1. Welcome Address—Leon Parker.
2. Response—Mr. Mose Miller.
3. Trio—Leon Parker, Helen Parker and Arline Parker.
4. Recitation—Loula M. Howard.
5. Recitation—Arlan Parker and others.
6. Paper—Helen Parker. Subject, "The Juvenile."
7. Quartette—Miss Ollie McLendon and others.
8. Paper—Mrs. S. Pringle. Subject, "Our Women."
9. Remarks—Rev. N. Martin, pastor in charge.
10. Sermon by Rev. R. L. Young, G. S., H. B. A., and our hearts were made to rejoice to listen to such a wonderful message, and we were all weighed in balances and we found 19 that were weighed and found wanting, and they were added to the H. B. A.

A collection was taken up amounting to $33.29.

We were delighted to have Mr. Lindsay, our own studio, to come before us and we were sorry that time did not allow him to speak longer to us. Then dinner was served which all were very glad to get.

After dinner all H. B. A. Juveniles and friends were called to the east side of the church to have a group picture made, and when Mr. Lindsay was ready to return to Meridian he left with a smile on his face because he had got so many orders for groups to be sent to different addresses.

We were also delighted to have little Master Flanders Wilson with us, he being one of our little business men of tomorrow. He made a lot of souvenirs for the children.

Tell all H. B. A.'s that we are going on to the station, but we are looking for them to come on.

MRS. SALLIE PRINGLE,
Fin. Sec. Lodge No. 95.
Carmichael, Miss.

LOVE ARE DUMB

He asked her on the back porch,
On a moonlit starry night,
Alas, he was excited,
And did not get it right:

"You cannot live without I
And each other must us have we.
So are you tell I will me
If us me marry won't she?"

The poor girl was dumbfounded,
And knew not what to say,
But opened up her mouth
And poured forth words this way:

"Oh dear boy, how me love us
And me too love I we,
But you we I are never
Is able can us marry.

"Me are a husband has got,
Hi[illegible]s I much do loves,
Alas, I is not are you have I,
Nor can it ever was."

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WONDERFUL SESSION AT Augusta, Ga.

The ministers of the C. M. E. Church have returned from Paine College, Augusta, Ga., where the summer school for colored ministers was held. Dr. J. W. Perry of the M. E. Church, South, is doing a great work for our people. We were privileged to sit and listen to some of the best that the white race affords. We are also proud to say that some of the best brains of our race had positions on the faculty. Those who attended this school were well pleased and greatly benefitted. The editor was proud to see the old college campus again. It brought back old college days which are now history. Rev. E. F. Young, Rev. W. M. Wadkins and the editor motored to Augusta, leaving Meridian at 8:30 a. m. Sunday and reaching Augusta at 10 p. m. the next day. They drove 600 miles in 22 hours. They spent Sunday night in Gadsden, Ala. A large number of the ministers took the opportunity to visit the Atlantic ocean while on the trip.

NOTICE

All presidents are requested to collect the balance of the H. B. A. building fee and send it to the office not later than Sept. 18. The balance for the year is 10c per member to those who have not paid the 55c already. When I say the balance for the year, you will understand that we do not mean the calendar year, since we began collecting on the building in November, 1923, therefore the collection for 1926 will begin in November, 1925. We want to urge our presidents to begin collecting now and have your building fund in on time. Some of us make it a rule to wait until the Board to pay our building fees. It makes our work so much heavier when you put this matter off.

H. B. A. BOARDS TO MEET

We are not able to state the exact date that the Boards will meet, but we are confident that they will meet about the first week in October. All presidents and local lodges will have until that time to compete for the $15.00 or $20.00 that will be given to the winners in the big H. B. A. drive. This is going to be a hot contest. The general officers are in the drive but will not be considered as being eligible to contest for the prize, especially when it comes to contesting with local officers. We are anxious to see just who the winners are going to be. Just watch the contestants on page 2 in The Echo.

The following deaths have been sent in since the last Board. It will be noted that No. 53 had a death in January and it is just now being paid off. The former president, Mr. H. B. Black, was a sympathizer of the crew that pulled out. He tried to kill the H. B. A. in his section by not reporting this death, and though I had heard of this death, I could not report it until I was officially notified. Had it not been for one of our agents, Mr. Esaw Sledge, Mr. Black would have no doubt been successful in his attempt, but Sledge went to the rescue of these people and saved the day. It will also be noted that we have two deaths at No. 39 that should have been paid off but because of slackness on the part of the secretary of that lodge, so I am told, the notice was too late for the last Board. If any president has deceased members and their names do not appear on this list, please notify me at once. In the next issue the amount to be collected and those to be paid off will be published. If you fail to get the notice in, your member will not be paid for.

NOS. ONE AND TWO

1. Caroline Jordan, No. 39, died March 26, 1925. J. J. Overstreet, local president, Lauderdale, Miss.

2. Tildy Mosley, No. 39, died Apr. 4, 1925. J. J. Overstreet, local president, Lauderdale, Miss.

3. S. Stokes, No. 53, died February 23, 1925. Esaw Sledge, acting president, Macon, Miss.

4. G. W. Welch, No. 20, died May 13, 1925. Rev. M. S. Knott, local president, Kewanee, Miss.

5. Roxie Lee, No. 3, died June 6, 1925. Rev. R. W. Radcliff, local president, Russell, Miss.

6. Annie Miller, No. 110, died May 27, 1925. J. W. Smith, local president, Meridian, Miss.

7. Alice Whitfield, No. 110, died July 10, 1925. J. W. Smith, local president, Meridian, Miss.

8. Alex Sims, No. 121, died July 10, 1925. Mrs. M. W. Buck, local president, Meridian, Miss.

9. William Coleman, No. 93, died July 13, 1925. E. G. Brookshire, local president, Shuqualak, Miss.

NOS. THREE AND FOUR

1. Harriet Stringer, No. 160, died April 29, 1925. W. J. Tate, local president, Prentiss, Miss.

2. Joe Hogen, No. 119, died April 9, 1925. Rev. J. M. Moore, local president, Matherville, Miss.

3. Will Chambers, No. 102, died June 13, 1925. Mrs. L. J. Hall, local president, Hattiesburg, Miss.

4. S. J. Patrick, No. 80, died June 2, 1925. J. H. Drakford, local president, Stonewall, Miss.

5. William Crowell, 99, died Mch. 17, 1925. W. M. Barnes, local president, Seminary, Miss.

6. Bell Roberts, No. 119, died May 18, 1925. Rev. J. M. Moore, local president.

7. Will Williams, No. 23, died June 11, 1925. J. M. Thompson, lo-

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The same is true with the C. B. A. Just take the thirty or forty H. B. A. lodges that we H. B. A.'s organized and trained away from her and she will tremble in her boots, not only tremble, but she will fall and she will not be falling much longer than John stayed in the army. If my statement is not true now is the time for the C. B. A.'s to prove it. Let us see. You all get out into new and greener fields and organize new lodges. I don't mean two or three little lodges, but get out on your merits and do some tangible work. Do so much that we can hear of you. Do more than you did at your last and first convention at Lauderdale. Stop as near as possible the begging on the streets. A big job is before you. Prove yourselves worthy of the task.

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The time isn't as long as it has been. Just look how these lodges have made a change.

I. C. Harper, Vice-Pres.	50
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Ellisville No. 55	10
H. R. Evans, No. 145	7
B. J. Williams, No. 120	7
Mrs. Mabel Kendrix, No. 186	6
Will Bradford, No. 201	5
D. N. Watson, Agt.	28
J. M. Moore, No. 119	4
C. C. Mitchell, No. 153	3
R. C. Chapman, No. 193	3
A. Evans, No. 196	3
W. M. Barnes, No. 99	3
A. Price, No. 141	3
Jerry Lang, No. 159	2
J. Johnson, No. 71	2
J. W. Lott, No. 173	2
H. Hayes, No. 130	2
J. H. Hubbard, No. 52	2
H. Spells, No. 202	2
E. M. Dunn, No. 178	1
Mrs. B. Faulkner, No. 77	1
A. L. Orange, No. 190	1
J. H. Drakford, No. 80	1
R. D. Dunlap, No. 74	1
H. J. Green, No. 165	1
R. McCormick, No. 195	1

Let's go, boys. Your name would look good on this list. I, as your secretary, am doing my best to get 100 in the drive. In order to get on this list all presidents must send in bond fee. Agents may send application blanks filled out correctly.

Laurel, Miss.

Dear Editor:—

Just a few words in regard to the H. B. A. Convention which convened in Laurel, Miss., July 20-21, with the General President, Rev. E. F. Young, at his best. I have never since being a member of the H. B. A. witnessed such a grand session. It was more like a revival. The wonderful sermon by Rev. Fox, "What Think Ye of Christ, and Whose Son Is He?" will long be remembered by the writer, and I am wondering what think Laurel of the H. B. A. Long live our General President and Secretary.

MRS. ELLA MORRELL,

President No. 76.

NEWS NOTES

We are very sorry to know of the sad death of Mr. Charley Johnson of Russell, Miss. Mr. Johnson was instantly killed last Sunday night when Mr. James Brooks lost control of an automobile that he was driving. Johnnie Jones and Annie Griggs were seriously injured, while D. B. Young and Ruth Atkinson were slightly injured.

Mrs. Ann Sloan and another lady were in the car but escaped unhurt. The car dashed into a crowd of young people on their way to tabernacle church. Mr. Johnson's funeral was attended by Rev. J. S. Ware and Rev. Halsell at Fairview Baptist Church. The burial took place at Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson was the son of Mr. Jerry Johnson. He was also a young deacon of Fairview Baptist Church. He was a splendid young man. He remained at home and helped to care for his father in his old age.

Rev. D. H. Watson has organized a new lodge with 28 new members. The lodge was organized at Walkers' Chapel at Russell, Miss. Mr. J. L. Smith, president of H. B. A. No. 18, was present on the night of the organization, also Mr. Ben Phillips and A. Williams, former presidents of the H. B. A. Mr. Smith of No. 18 gave some encouraging remarks in behalf of the H. B. A.

Agent Watson is also sending in a number of new subscribers to The Echo. Mr. Ed Brown of South Side and Rev. D. W. Jordan are new subscribers. Go on D. H.

H. B. A. Board No. 1 meets at Zion Hill two miles east of Meridian, Miss. No. 2 meets with No. 93 at Shuqualak, Miss. No. 3 meets at Shubuta, Miss., with No. 127. No. 4 meets at D'Lo, Miss., with No. 71.

Mrs. Bettie Faulkner, the hustling little president of H. B. A. Lodge No. 77, is doing a great work. You local presidents and agents had better watch her or she will have the record and gone. During the Convention, which was held at Laurel, Miss., July 20-21, she gave in seven subscribers to The Echo, took in seven members for Laurel lodge, ten for her two sister lodges at Ellisville, and five for her own. Monday night, August 3, she had a meeting and took in seven more. Hats off to Mrs. Faulkner. If she continues to bring them in like this we will have to promote her from a local agent to a general agent where she will have a broader field to cultivate. Mrs. Faulkner is a live wire, full of enthusiasm and knows no failure. We are praying for more like her.

There will be a joint session of the Juvenile Board and Convention at St. James M. E. Church, West End, Meridian, Miss., September 2, 1025. All guides are expected to be present at this meeting. Everybody is invited to come and see what the Juvenile Department of the H. B. A. is doing for the children. All of the parents ought to give their children to the guide, and you can do so without a fee until the meeting of the next Board. Come one, come all, and let us make this meeting one of the best in the history of the organization. Do not forget the date, September 2, at St. James M. E. Church, Meridian, Miss.

D. B. BORDERS, Sec.

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All presidents may as well inform your members that the assessment will be about the same as before in order that they will be ready about the first of October.

R. L. YOUNG, Sec.

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EDITOR H. S. BYNES VISITS OUR OFFICE

Mr. H. S. Bynes, editor of the Sunday School Worker at Macon, Ga., was in our office a few days ago. Mr. Bynes is on a tour in the interest of the Sunday School Worker, a neat little magazine published by him at Macon, Ga. He has visited the Delta, Mound Bayou and several other points in the State. His magazine gives particulars of the Negro colony in Georgia. Special subscription offer, two years for $1.00. Sample copy, 15c. Agents wanted. Address the Sunday School Worker, 811 Broadway, Macon, Ga.

I think it will be a fine thing for some of our people to write Mr. Bynes and become an agent for this magazine. When you write mention The Echo.

Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Editor: Please allow me a little space in The Echo that we might inform the public that Sister Lizzie Harris has departed this life on July 29, 1925. She was one among the oldest H. B. A.'s in Hattiesburg. She was an H. B. A. out of the depths of her heart, and as she lay on her sick bed and looked and saw the room packed, and listening out on the front porch at the host of H. B. A.'s ministering unto her from the first of her illness, unto death, she declared that the Society was a God-fixed plan and in her last farewell words to her friends she urged them to be faithful unto the H. B. A., and not to shirk from assessments that the general president would impose, for he was a man that would do right.

REV. E. D. AVERY,
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DOTS

Mrs. Minnie Pearl Strayhorn returned on the 7th inst., from Chattanooga, Tenn., where she has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Millsap, for about two weeks. She reports a splendid time.

Mrs. A. Williams, wife of Rev. F. Williams, pastor of Haven Chapel M. E. Church, left on the 9th inst., for Jackson, Miss., where she will spend a couple of weeks visiting with her mother. We hope for her an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Mary H. Moore of Enondale, Miss., together with her daughter and son-in-law and one grandchild, visited her brother a few days ago at Cuba, Ala. It is reported that they had a splendid trip. Her niece came back from Cuba and spent a few days with them at Enondale.

The revival at Mt. Pleasant C. M. E. Church, of which Rev. R. L. Young is pastor, has been postponed until the fourth Sunday in September.

Laurel, Miss., Aug. 7, 1925.

Dear Editor:—

Please allow me space in The Echo to congratulate Dr. I. C. Harper for his visit to us on August 2. Dr. Harper preached a noble sermon to us, and added 16 members to the lodge. We have added to the lodge since the Convention 22 members. We give credit to Dr. Harper for our success.

ELLA MORRELL,
President No. 76.

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TWO H. B. A. PRESIDENTS KILLED

Two H. B. A. presidents met untimely deaths a few days ago. Mr. Oscar Easley, president of H. B. A. No. 33 of Meridian, Miss., and the leading deacon of Ebenezer Baptist Church, was killed Sunday, August 23, in an automobile accident. His brother, Rev. Calvin Easley, was also killed in the same car. Rev. Calvin was a member of the C. B. A.. We were out of the city at the time of this sad accident. We are informed that it was such a sad affair that the funerals colud not be attended. They will be attended on the fourth Sunday in September by Rev. J. H. Taylor. Brother Oscar Easley will be remembered by all presidents of the H. B. A., while Rev. Calvin is better known among the ministers.

Oscar Easley had the best and strongest lodge in Meridian—No. 19—at one time led the State, but she and her president lost their hold when the C. B. A. came out. No. 33, its president and members stood the test. Practically all of the members of No. 33 were at the burial to pay their last respect to one whom we all had learned to love. It is reported that there were between five and seven cars loaded with H. B. A. members to witness the occasion. It is also reported that there was more than a car load of the C. B. A. members to pay the last respects to Rev. Calvin Easley.

Mr. Henry Taylor, ex-president of No. 33, has charge of the lodge at present. He states that he has eight or ten applications for renewal and new membership. The H. B. A. is somewhat like the Masonic order—once a Mason you are always one—once an H. B. A., always one.

Oscar Easley is gone but not forgotten. He was loving and kind to everyone. He had been employed by Threefoot Bros. for 15 or 20 years.

President Easley's body was handled by Beal and Strayhorn, while Berry and Gardner took care of Rev. C. L. Easley.

It is reported that two or three others were hurt in the car with the Easley brothers. They were on their way to Alabama to a big meeting. The car was driven by Mr. Monroe of this city.

On Friday, August 29, Bourdeaux Brothers had a call from Pachuta, Miss. President J. W. Lott had been shot and accidentally killed, so we were informed. We have known Mr. Lott for only a short while. He was president of H. B. A. Lodge No. 173, and had a real good lodge.

SUNRISE LODGE'S THIRD ANNIVERSARY

The third anniversary of the H. B. A. Lodge No. 120, B. J. Williams, president. King Sol rose in his splendor and the southern zephyrs sang their lullabys. President Williams had everything in readiness for the occasion. The processional was led by Miss E. Brooks, carrying the H. B. A. Banner, the lodge following.

The hour having arrived for the sermon, the Rev. E. Lewis Fox, the efficient pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, Silver Creek, was the choice. Rev. Fox felt at home here. He found himself among his old scholars whom he had taught, and some were in college taking his advice and fitting themselves for useful lives in our race. Amid applause the speaker arose and announced his text, subject, "True Leadership." Great was his delivery, at times the entire audience was moved with his wit, and stirred with his eloquence. After the sermon eight new members joined; six joined the Juveniles. Dinner was served. The H. B. A. is marching on with B. J. Williams leading No. 120.

PLEASANT GROVE REVIVAL

Pleasant Grove C. M. E. Church, with Rev. Wm. Watkins as pastor, has just closed one of the most successful revivals in the history of the church. Rev. Wm. Anderson of Jackson, Miss. who ran the meeting, delivered some very helpful sermons, while Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McNair of Mt. Olive, Miss., led the song services and contributed largely to the success of the meeting. The services were well attended and enjoyed by all who were present. The Revs. E. F. and R. L. Young were at home and went out to help us out. Their presence meant much in both a spiritual and financial way. Friday night, August 28, Rev. R. L. Young was out, and together with Bro. Russell lifted the best offering that had been lifted during the week, amounting to more than $15.00. He called himself the "Daddy" of Pleasant Grove in a financial way, and said we would have to hustle to go over $80.00, which was the highest amount raised during a revival during his stewardship. I think these words must have brought about a little competition, for had you been there Sunday, August 30, and seen those dollars going up, you would have thought a money field had been found. At the close of the services Sunday night more than $93.00 had been taken in. Come down, R. L., you are no longer the "Daddy."

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Pringle and their daughters, Misses Ruth and Ruby Pringle, were in our office on Monday morning, August 31. Rev. Pringle is on the job, having made some splendid reports. His daughters will be leaving soon for Straight University where one finishes this term.

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WORK

Life is a short day, but it is a working day and not a holiday. Man was made for action, and life is a mere scene for the exercise of the mind and engagement of the hand—a scene where the most important occupations are, in one sense, but species of amusement, and where so long as we take pleasure in the pursuit of an object it matters but little that we secure it or not, or that it fades when acquired. Life to some is drudgery; to some pain; to some art; to others pleasure, but to all, work. Let none feel a sense of sore disappointment that life to them becomes routine. It is a necessary consequence of our natures that our work and our amusement, our business and our pleasure should tend to become routine. The same wants, the same demands, and similar duties meet us on the threshold of every day. We look forward to some great occasion on which to display ourselves; some grand event in which to give proof of a heroic spirit and complain of the petty routine of daily life. On the contrary it is the succession of little duties, little works, apparently of no account, which constitute the grand work of life.

The man or the woman who has not learned to work are but poor creatures. They know not themselves. They depend on others for support. They have missed the sweetest pleasure of life. Work is the law of our being, the living principle that carries men and nations onward. Nothing can be more distasteful than to see men of apparently good abilities waiting for some one to come and help them over difficulties. Be your own helper. If a rock rises up before you roll it along or climb over it. If you want money, earn it. If you want confidence, prove yourself worthy of it. Do not be content with doing what has been done—surpass it. Deserve success and it will come. The sun does not rise like a rocket or go down like a bullet fired from a gun; slowly and surely it makes its rounds and never tires. Throw open the windows of your mind to new ideas and keep at least abreast of the times, and if possible, ahead of them. Hence you must try and realize the value of time. Each hour as it passes swiftly away, is gone forever. Lost wealth may be replaced by toil and industry; lost friends may be regained by consideration and patience; lost health may be recovered by medical skill and care; even lost happiness and peace of mind may be restored, but lost time—there is no recalling it. There is no regaining it. You must make the most of time as it flies. It is easy to say wait a while, so easy to let the burden of today's work and duties fall on tomorrow. But when tomorrow comes it has its own peculiar duties.

—MRS. E. F. YOUNG

H. B. A. RECORDS INSPECTED AND HIGHLY ENDORSED BY STATE EXAMINER

Mr. S. P. Henry, state insurance commissioner, not only for the State of Mississippi, but for the South and a part of the North, was in the city Thursday and Friday, August 27-28, to examine the records of the H. B. A. Upon a knowledge of his coming the secretary was out of the city, but was called over long distance to come at once. Upon his arrival he and Mr. Henry proceeded to go over the work of the organization for the past year. Mr. Henry stated that his coming at this time was a pleasure in that he could sit "at home" and do the work necessary to be done and not have to run over town looking for an office, borrow chairs and rent tables. He complimented the president and secretary for the manner in which they are conducting the affairs of the association, and assured them of his readiness to co-operate with them and protect the rights of the body. In purchasing a home he thinks the organization has made one of the wisest steps that could have been made, and predicts for it a brighter future.

The president and secretary conversed with him concerning the recently organized order of former H. B. A.'s, and he assured them that no organization or thing founded upon malice, jealousy, hate and prejudice would survive long. Its destiny is just a short distance up the road, and it is only a matter of time as to how soon the destination wil be reached. However, says he, if the Holbrook Benevolent Association needs protection, notify me and I will see to it that no order infringes upon its rights.

Mr. Henry and his family left Meridian Saturday morning, August 29, for Birmingham, Ala.

Our new H. B. A. lodge at Bond, Miss., had its annual sermon on August 16 at 3:00 p. m. President W. H. Langham of Wiggins was master of ceremonies. The march by the members was just grand. A duet by Mr. W. H. Langham and Mrs. C. H. Longmire was grand. The master of ceremonies delivered a splendid address. There was a question box on H. B. A. isms led by President J. W. Hall.

The speaker of the hour, Rev. L. Fox, came forward and delivered a great sermon, subject, "What Think Ye of the H. B. A.?" All who know Rev. Fox can imagine what he did.

We had five to join the H. B. A. after the sermon.

J. W. HALL.

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Just one more month and the tale will be told.

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Rev. C. L. Pringle is leading the association in the big drive. Some one has asked where is Harper. Pringle says he has put him in the shade. The hustling B. J. Williams of No. 120 leads all local presidents, while he is closely followed by C. Toliver of No. 179. Then comes Ellisville No. 55 with Watson and Bradford scratching for third or fourth place. Boys, don't talk about what you can do, but show it.

It looks as if Pringle is going to get the first prize, while Watson is the next eligible man. The general president, vice-president and secretary are not eligible for the prize, but they are doing their bit to make things hum. Now is the time for presidents and agents to show the "Blood of your daddy."

The batter is up, strike two and three balls—just one more chance. Agent Thos. Doby has just come to our office and reported two lodges organized—one at Quitman and one at Winchester—with 37 members. If this is true, look out Watson.

All agents are required to turn in your application blanks, the name and address of the president of the lodge you organize. If you fail to do this you are not counted.

All presidents are to send in your bond in order to get on the list. We must make this requirement, if we don't the membership will grow too fast.

H. B. A. DEATHS

NOS. ONE AND TWO

1. Caroline Jordan, No. 39, died March 26, 1925. J. J. Overstreet, local president, Lauderdale, Miss.

2. Tildy Mosley, No. 39, died Apr. 4, 1925. J. J. Overstreet, local president, Lauderdale, Miss.

3. S. Stokes, No. 53, died February 23, 1925. Esaw Sledge, acting president, Macon, Miss.

4. G. W. Welch, No. 20, died May 13, 1925. Rev. M. S. Knott, local president, Kewanee, Miss.

5. Roxie Lee, No. 3, died June 6, 1925. Rev. R. W. Radcliff, local president, Russell, Miss.

6. Annie Miller, No. 110, died May 27, 1925. J. W. Smith, local president, Meridian, Miss.

7. Alice Whitfield, No. 110, died July 10, 1925. J. W. Smith, local president, Meridian, Miss.

8. Alex Sims, No. 121, died July 10, 1925. Mrs. M. W. Buck, local president, Meridian, Miss.

9. William Coleman, No. 93, died July 13, 1925. E. G. Brookshire, local president, Shuqualak, Miss.

10. O. C. Easley, No. 33.

11. A. Buckley, No. 17.

12. John Cole, No. 113.

NOS. THREE AND FOUR

1. Harriet Stringer, No. 160, died April 29, 1925. W. J. Tate, local president, Prentiss, Miss.

2. Joe Hogen, No. 119, died April 9, 1925. Rev. J. M. Moore, local president, Matherville, Miss.

3. Will Chambers, No. 102, died June 13, 1925. Mrs. L. J. Hall, local president, Hattiesburg, Miss.

4. S. J. Patrick, No. 80, died June 2, 1925. J. H. Drakford, local president, Stonewall, Miss.

5. William Crowell, 99, died Mch. 17, 1925. W. M. Barnes, local president, Seminary, Miss.

6. Bell Roberts, No. 119, died May 18, 1925. Rev. J. M. Moore, local president.

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12. J. W. Lott, No. 173.

13. Geneva Easter.

Mr. Curtis Bourdeaux is now in the Embalming School at Cincinnati, Ohio. His father, Mr. Will Bourdeaux, states that the Bourdeaux Undertaking estalishment is doing its best to render better service to our people.

Watch the "X" on your paper and govern yourself accordingly.

Miss M. E. Knox visited our office a few days ago. Miss Knox is a new Juvenile guide of Chapter No. 27, but she has a strong chapter and it continues to grow.

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No. 2—October 8, at Shuqualak, Miss.

No. 3—Oct. 6, at Shubuta, Miss.

No. 4—October 5, at D'Lo, Miss.

The presidents of Nos. 1 and 2 will please collect $1.60 dues and death claims from each of your members. We have 12 deaths in Nos. 1 and 2, which necessitates more to be paid. Presidents of Nos. 3 and 4 will please collect $1.45 from each of your members. We have 13 deaths in Nos. 3 and 4. The membership of Nos. 3 and 4 are so much larger than Nos. 1 and 2 that we can collect a smaller amount and pay a bigger amount. One thing that causes our death list to be so heavy is because of the fact that some of our presidents do not report their deaths promptly. We have had two presidents killed in the last ten days. There has been a lot of sickness this year and much of it has been until death. Well, we are all making good crops and have a plenty of money, and I had rather pay on the other fellow than to have him pay on me. Just pay it, brother. You promised to do it. R. L. Y.

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Dear Editor: Just a few words to mention the passing of my wife to the great beyond. My wife, Mrs. Eliza Bates, died March 7, 1925. Our last enjoyable trip together was Feb. 23, 1925, to New Orleans to witness the mardi gras. My wife and I were very ill at the same time. I recovered but my wife passed away. My wife and I had been married seven years and we lived happily together. Mrs. Bates was a member of H. B. A. No. 72, and a member of Union Baptist Church. The funeral was attended by her pastor, Rev. J. T. Davis. Her body was handled by Beal and Strayhorn. She was laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery.

JOHN BATES,
44th Ave. and Railroad St.
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NOTICE

All presidents are requested to collect $2.00 from your lodge and report same at Board. One dollar of this amount is to pay for your subscription to The Echo for one year, the other dollar is to pay for your reports to be published in The Echo for one year. As you know we have been collecting 25c per quarter, but the convention passed a law that there should be one collection for both at the same time, this collection must be in the first Board after the convention. Now, presidents, be sure to collect this money from your lodge or you will have to pay it yourselves at the next Board.

THE ECHO

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H. B. A. BOND INTEREST

We now have on hand $165.00 that the state examiner, Mr. S. P. Henry, left in our charge. This is the interest drawn last year on the money that we have up in the state. This money will be divided and sent as soon as possible to each local lodge that is eligible to draw interest. I am not sure, but it may be that we shall divide this money according to each local membership at the end of 1924. I am not sure, but I think this is the better way. I do not think that the small lodges should share equally in the bond interest. If this is done it will take some time to do it, but don't be worried whatever, the money is in the Merchants & Farmers Bank just waiting to be paid.

SECRETARY.

NOTICE

All presidents are requested to meet the Board on the date designated on your blank. We are meeting four days, namely, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. If your blank says 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th you are requested to go to that particular Board. We shall be at D'Lo on the 5th, Shubuta on the 6th, five miles east of Meridian on the 7th, and Shuqualak on the 8th.

If any president feels that I made a mistake in telling you where to meet you may write me and whatever the reply is be sure to govern yourself accordingly. Please don't take it upon yourself to go where you please and when you please. We give you our dates to meet and if you are not going to abide by our instructions we had better ask all of you to notify us when you want the Board to meet and what dates you are going to meet.

SECRETARY.

H. B. A. PRIZES FOR DRIVE

(Tentative)

General Officers—

First prize	$10.00
Second prize	7.00
Third prize	5.00

Only three prizes offered.

Agents (Tentative)—

First prize	$10.00
Second prize	7.00

We are not as yet offering but two prizes to the agents because they are not taking hold as they should unless they are holding what they have until the last moment. If in the event we find that this is true and their work demands it, we may offer the fourth prize for Agents. I think we have some dark horses in the race that are going to run well.

Local Presidents (Tentative)—

First prize	$10.00
Second prize	8.00
Third prize	6.00
Fourth prize	4.00
Fifth prize	3.00
Sixth prize	2.00

NOTICE

Presidents will bear in mind that you are to collect $2.00 from your local lodges for Echo publication and subscription. Please remember that this is the orders of the Convention, and we shall go strictly according to Convention's orders. This report is just as important as dues and death claims, and if the local lodges do not see to it that the president is given the $2.00 it amounts to the same thing that dues and death claims will amount to.

I only mention this fearing that some one might come with an excuse. Please remember that this amount is paid only once a year.

HAVEN INSTITUTE AND CONSERVATORY OPENS

On Sept. 14 the friends and student switnessed a very successful opening at Haven. Dr. J. B. F. Shaw, president of the institution, reports that they have the best enrollment that they have had since being out at the new plant. The students are continuing to come in and register. The outlook for Haven is very bright. Every Havenite should sing aloud, "Dear Old Haven We Love."

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Bettie Faulconer reports that Rev. I. C. Harper passed through Ellisville and made a big hit. Some one has told on Harper also. He is holding his back, but he had better look out for some one is on his duster.

Prof. E. C. Applewhite, A. J. Gray, G. W. Pounds and S. L. Otis motored to Jackson a few days ago. They report a splendid trip. They were traveling in the interest of the new Rosenwald school at Carson, Miss.

V. W. HAYNES, Reporter.

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H. B. A. CONTEST ENDS OCTOBER 14

All contestants for the H. B. A. prizes will have until October 14. The winners of the various prizes will be published in the Echo on October 14, just after the Boards close. All moneys must reach my office not later than October 14, if it comes in later than the 14th it will not be counted. Those of you who think you are going to win might be getting ready for a nice write-up in the Echo. I shall be glad to have your cut and a short sketch of your life. I want the picture of each winner to be published in the Echo.

To Presidents and Agents:—

Please tear off the H. B. A. official receipt on the application blanks and give them to the person joining. Don't send them back to me, they are receipts showing that persons have paid you the joining fees.

Mr. Derias Croft of Chunky, Miss., reports a splendid time at his lodge on August 30. Rev. G. W. Arnold and Rev. Ford were the speakers of the occasion. One or two members were added and about $16.00 was raised.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS IN THE 90-DAY H. B. A. NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Boys, just look what a change has been made since the last issue. It seems to be "tit for tat," "you kill my dog I'll your cat." This contest has done got "hot." Who is going to win the prize? I just can't tell. There are so many dark horses in the race that we are afraid to say. B. J. Williams is still at the top, while No. 200 has rapped on the door. No. 200 has given B. J. the pass and grip, and that means walk in. No. 200 is headed by C. C. Williams of Brooklyn, Miss. But, hush! hush! Who is at the door seeking admittance? Mrs. Ella Morrell of No. 76 is asking for more room. Boys, move aside or move up. You may take your choice, but you must do one or the other.

Next come Clarence Toliver, Rev. A. L. Orange, Will Bradford, Johnson of D'Lo and S. B. Bell of No. 31. They are in the lead while the rest of the gallant soldiers are loading their guns to take another shot. Are you ready? Aim! Fire! Boom! Who's got it? Just wait and you will see.

C. L. Pringle, Agt.	92
R. L. Young, Sec.	61
J. C. Harper, Vice-Pres.	50
E. F. Young, Gen. Pres.	46
D. H. Watson, Agt.	38
Thos. Blakney	16
B. J. Williams, No. 120	25
C. C. Williams, No. 200	25
Mrs. Ella Morrell, No. 76	23
C. C. Toliver, No. 179	15
A. L. Orange, No. 190	14
Will Bradford, No. 201	13
P. Johnson, No. 71	12
S. B. Bell, No. 31	12
Clem Brown, No. 92	11
Ellisville No. 55	10
J. H. Hubbard, No. 52	9
D. H. Watson, No. 72	8
E. Evans, No. 196	7
H. R. Evans, No. 145	7
Henry Spells, No. 202	7
J. D. Pace, No. 177	7
Mrs. Mable Kendrix, No. 186	6
Mrs. Bettie Faulkner, No. 77	7
E. G. Brookline, No. 93	5
I. M. Martin, No. 1	5
Mrs. L. J. Hall, No. 102	5
Mrs. L. L. Watson, No. 183	5
J. M. Moore, No. 119	4
C. C. Mitchell, No. 153	4
W. J. Rankins, No. 133	3
S. P. Jones, No. 58	3
W. M. Barnes, No. 99	3
R. C. Chapman, No. 193	3
A. Price, No. 141	3
R. McCormick, No. 195	3
J. M. Thompson, No. 23	2
W. R. Smith, No. 152	2
J. H. Drakeford, No. 80	2
C. H. Watts, No. 62	2
S. L. Otis, No. 63	2
W. C. McLeod, No. 57	2
J. W. Lott, No. 173	2
H. A. Hayes, No. 130	2
E. L. Crosley, No. 171	2
C. M. Mayfield, No. 194	2
E. M. Dun, No. 178	1
R. D. Dunlap, No. 74	1
H. J. Green, No. 165	1
R. W. Ratliff, No. 3	1
H. E. McCoy, No. 122	1
M. Trussell, No. 67	1
A. M. Sanderson, No. 158	1
H. Williams, No. 27	1
Chas. Franklin, No. 109	1
J. D. Pace, No. 177	1
Derias Croft, No. 176	1

The presidents will please bear in mind that we do not give you credit for any members until you have sent the $1.45 bond and policy fee to accompany the application. Agents will remember that you are to send in your application blanks together with the name and address of the presidents of your newly organized lodges. Please bear in mind that we give you credit for all new members.

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It is now being whispered that there may be one or two prizes given to the general officers for their faithful service.

H. B. A. DEATHS

NOS. ONE AND TWO

1. Caroline Jordan, No. 39, died March 26, 1925. J. J. Overstreet, local president, Lauderdale, Miss.

2. Tildy Mosley, No. 39, died Apr. 4, 1925. J. J. Overstreet, local president, Lauderdale, Miss.

3. S. Stokes, No. 53, died February 23, 1925. Esaw Sledge, acting president, Macon, Miss.

4. G. W. Welch, No. 20, died May 13, 1925. Rev. M. S. Knott, local president, Kewanee, Miss.

5. Roxie Lee, No. 3, died June 6, 1925. Rev. R. W. Radcliff, local president, Russell, Miss.

6. Annie Miller, No. 110, died May 27, 1925. J. W. Smith, local president, Meridian, Miss.

7. Alice Whitfield, No. 110, died July 10, 1925. J. W. Smith, local president, Meridian, Miss.

8. Alex Sims, No. 121, died July 10, 1925. Mrs. M. W. Buck, local president, Meridian, Miss.

9. William Coleman, No. 93, died July 13, 1925. E. G. Brookshire, local president, Shuqualak, Miss.

10. O. C. Easley, No. 33, President.

11. A. Buckley, No. 19. H. Edwards, President.

12. John Cole, No. 113.

NOS. THREE AND FOUR

1. Harriet Stringer, No. 160, died April 29, 1925. W. J. Tate, local president, Prentiss, Miss.

2. Joe Hogen, No. 119, died April 9, 1925. Rev. J. M. Moore, local president, Matherville, Miss.

3. Will Chambers, No. 102, died June 13, 1925. Mrs. L. J. Hall, local president, Hattiesburg, Miss.

4. S. J. Patrick, No. 80, died June 2, 1925. J. H. Drakford, local president, Stonewall, Miss.

5. William Crowell, 99, died Mch. 17, 1925. W. M. Barnes, local president, Seminary, Miss.

6. Bell Roberts, No. 119, died May 18, 1925. Rev. J. M. Moore, local president.

7. Will Williams, No. 23, died June 11, 1925. J. M. Thompson, local president, Bassfield, Miss.

8. Alta Mossell, No. 99, died June 17, 1925. W. M. Barnes, local president, Seminary, Miss.

9. Hattie Hough, No. 82, died July 13, 1925. Prof. Thos. Blakney, local president, Quitman, Miss.

10. Lizzie Harris, No. 108, died July 29, 1925. Rev. E. D. Avery, local president, Hattiesburg, Miss.

11. Andrew Moffett. No. 146, died July 28, 1925. Rev. G. W. Arnold, local president, Bay Springs, Miss.

12. J. W. Lott, No. 173, President.

13. Geneva Easter, No. 176. Derias Croft, President.

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No. 2—October 8, at Shuqualak, Miss.

No. 3—Oct. 6, at Shubuta, Miss.

No. 4—October 5, at D'Lo, Miss.

The presidents of Nos. 1 and 2 will please collect $1.60 dues and death claims from each of your members. We have 12 deaths in Nos. 1 and 2, which necessitates more to be paid. Presidents of Nos. 3 and 4 will please collect $1.45 from each of your members. We have 13 deaths in Nos. 3 and 4. The membership of Nos. 3 and 4 are so much larger than Nos. 1 and 2 that we can collect a smaller amount and pay a bigger amount. One thing that causes our death list to be so heavy is because of the fact that some of our presidents do not report their deaths promptly. We have had two presidents killed in the last ten days. There has been a lot of sickness this year and much of it has been until death. Well, we are all making good crops and have a plenty of money, and I had rather pay on the other fellow than to have him pay on me. Just pay it, brother. You promised to do it.

R. L. Y.

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4. T. C. McCLAIN—One who needs no recommendation, and has operated a shop in this town more than five years.

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H. B. A. BOARDS BREAK ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS—$6,343.43 RAISED

The closing of the H. B. A. Boards on October 8, breaks all records in the history of the Association. Those who attended the Boards can witness the fact that we excelled ourselves. The ball began to roll at D'Lo, Miss., where that hustling Johnson is president. Mrs. Bertha Smith is the energetic secretary of D'Lo No. 71. The members and friends of D'Lo tried themselves. The Board was royally entertained. Everything that heart could wish for was there for us. Too much praise cannot be given D'Lo for the splendid way in which she cared for the Board.

On Tuesday(October 6, we found ourselves at Shubuta, No. 127. Mrs. Carrie Jurry had things well planned for the occasion. Mrs. Jurry rendered a splendid program, the main features of the program were a beautiful solo by Mrs. Lillie Faulconer, and a welcome in behalf of the Methodist churches by Rev. Taylor, and one in behalf of the Baptist churches by Rev. Jim Rush. These two ministers spoke very encouragingly of the H. B. A., and the work that it is doing. Rev. Rush gave a short but splendid history of the association, and it was good information to many of us. This was the first time that the Board had ever been to Shubuta, but it was cared for only as a Shubuta could care for a Board. Look out Jurry and Shubuta, we are coming again. Mrs. Jurry has one of the strongest lodges in her district.

On Wednesday, October 7, we were at the old historic spot—Zion Hill No. 2. It is useless to try to explain what J. F. Chapple and his people will do for an H. B. A. Board. They always do a bit more than the other fellow.

On Thursday, October 8, we were in a new section where we had never been before. Shuqualak is the place. Prof. E. G. Brookshire is the never-failing president of No. 93. You talk about a big hit, but Brookshire and the members of his lodge made it. They just took the rage off the bush and then went back after the little strings that might have been left. We are not able to express in terms of praise our appreciation to Prof. Brookshire and his good people for their kind hospitality shown us while in their town. The following are the amounts raised:

Paid for 13 deaths in Nos. 3 and 4, each	$220.88
Paid for 12 deaths in Nos. 1 and 2, each	175.00
Raised on building	68.38
Back death claims	84.10
Bond	418.25
Quarterly dues	541.25
Constitutions	22.00
Echo publication and Sub.	260.00
Death claims, 1 and 2	2,100.00
Death claims, 3 and 4	2,871.45
Grand total death claims	$4,971.45
Grand Total all claims	6,365.43

We are unable to state just how many new members were taken in at the Boards, but quite a number joined.

MT. PLEASANT REVIVAL A SUCCESS

Saturday, September 26, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Young left for Mt. Olive, Miss., where they entered into a four-day revival at Mt. Pleasant C. M. E. Church. The meeting was run by Elder T. M. Sanders, Sr., of Jackson, Miss. He delivered some powerful sermons and the meeting was a success spritually and financially. Twenty-two came forward and united with the church, and a total of $424.19 raised.

LOOK! LOOK!

What has happened! The 90-day H. B. A. new membership drive has ended. How many did we get? We have 1,150 new members added since the last Boards. Three Rahs! for the H. B. A.—"Rah! Rah! Rah!" This was a hot contest, so much so that the General President has concented to continue the drive for 90 days longer. We are going to offer bigger prizes in this drive than we offered before. Look out, boys. Let's go and get it. We are publishing the winners of the various prizes in this issue.

H. B. A. PRIZE WINNERS

It will be noted that we had a number of persons to tie in the contest. For this reason we shall have to divide the amount equally between the winners:

GENERAL OFFICERS

I. C. Harper, 275 members	$10.00
R. L. Young, 61 members	7.00
E. F. Young, 50 members	5.00

AGENTS

C. L. Pringle, 131 members	$10.00
T. H. Doby, 61 members	7.00
D. H. Watson, 58 members	5.00

LOCAL PRESIDENTS

W. M. Barnes, No. 99, 30 members $10.00

B. J. Williams, No. 120 and C. C. Williams of No. 200 tied with 25 each; they each got 4.00

A. L. Orange of 190, Mrs. Ella Morrell of 76 and E. Evans of 196 tied with 24 each; they get each 2.00

Thos. Blakney of 82 and the president of Ellisville No. 55 tied with 22 members each; they get each 1.50

C. C. Toliver of 179 and R. C. Chapman of No. 193 tied with 18 members each; they get they get each 1.50

The next highest who tied were

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A CORRECTION

The Mississippi Monitor of September 26 carried a reply to the editorial in The Echo of August 15. I think those of us who write and make public statements should be careful as to tell the truth. I want to give every reader of the Echo an invitation to read my editorial of August 15, if you fail to have a copy of the 15th please call at my office and I will gladly give you one. It is a misrepresentation of the truth when it is stated that I said I was surprised when a woman came to my gate begging, for as a matter of fact I was not surprised, and I did not say I was surprised.

Let us assume that the statement made by "A Citizen" in the Monitor is true; that is, that that poor soul was forced out of the H. B. A. with property buying and high rate death claims at the same time. If that is true why is it she did not get in that other organization that was to set a standard for the people? They said they had something better. Why did not they give it to her? Now, as to this country being "a republic, a free an dindependent country; you can wear shoes or go barefooted," that is the truth, and there are many Negros taking advantage of this freedom and going barefooted, not only barefooted, but naked and without a place of shelter.

I cannot comment on the statement which reads thus: "This is no kingdom, ruled by kings and queens who do not allow the people the supporters of any arrangement and not at your command." I shall have to ask "A Citizen" to tell me what he means by such a statement. Well, he said, (a Citizen), that "when everything was fixed to us was do or else, and so we elsed and feel better over it." That is just what we wanted him to do—to else and feel better. I wonder if "A Citizen" knows that we feel better and are doing better since he "elsed?" "A Citizen" could not do anything but "else," for we knew just what it took to make him "else." We were shooting it to him in big doses. "A Citizen" also said that "a child comes up with his parents, and after a while that child has to come out of that home and go for himself, and oftentimes he does better." Yes, that is the truth, but the child does worse as a rule more times than he does better. Of course the parents usually do better after that child leaves who has to leave.

The writer of the would-be reply to my editorial did not have manhood or womanhood enough to sign his or her name. He or she ended with a dash and "A Citizen." Come out, "A Citizen." Don't be afraid to sign your name—nobody is going to harm you. Of course if I had "bum-fuzzled" an article up as you did yours I guess I would have said "A Citizen."

The sad news has reached us that Dr. S. B. Harmon of Zero died Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Dr. Harmon was one of the best known men in that section, and he did quite a bit of H. B. A. practice. The editor has known Dr. Harmon for a number of years as he was at one time the family physician. Dr. Harmon was 75 years of age.

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Johnson of No. 71 and S. B. Bell of No. 31. They tied with 15 members each; they get $1.00 each.

This includes the six prizes that were promised to the local presidents.

The next highest who tied were W. J. Rankins of No. 133 and Will Bradford of No. 201. They tied with 14 members each.

The next highest who tied were Mrs. Carry Jurry of 127 and Clem Brown of 92. They tied with 13 members each.

Since these persons did so well, I, your secretary, am going to give each of these persons $1.00 each, making a total of $4.00. I shall take the $4.00 out of my prize, that will leave me $3.00.

The above named persons came out of the contest with great honors. They should be praised for the great work done. Please do not get the idea that these were the only persons who wrought well; there is a large host whose names do not show up among the winners, but they count largely in the 1,150 new members added the last quarter. We are due them as much honor, no doubt, as we are due the rest. It is just this, somebody had to beat, but it is a foregone conclusion the H. B. A. boys ran well. Don't stop, boys, the fight is still on. We promised to close the contest on the 14th, but we are compelled to go to press earlier, but if any one should send in any more we shall give you credit on the next drive. In the next drive we want to give credit for both old and new members. If you renew members and send in the renewal fees we sahll give you credit for them also.

Mr. A. L. Smith of Fairfield, Ala., rfomerly of this city, was back among his old friends last week. He reports that he is doing well as an undertaker and insurance agent in Alabama.

Order your transfer cards from the office. Also your finance and traveling cards.

BOARD REPORTS

The Board reports were as follows:

No.	Dues.	Death.	Back.
1	$ 5.85	$58.00	$ 1.50
2	6.90	68.15	
3	3.15	31.90	
4	4.95	49.30	
5	1.80	18.85	
8	.60	7.25	
9	3.75	37.70	
11	1.35	14.50	
13	.75	8.70	
18	2.10	21.75	
19	3.15	31.90	
20	6.60	65.25	
21	5.70	56.55	
22	4.95	49.30	
23	13.35	117.00	
27	3.90	39.15	
28	8.10	79.75	
30	6.30	62.35	
31	6.60	65.25	
32	4.20	42.05	
33	6.30	62.35	
39	8.55	84.10	
40	5.70	56.55	
42	3.75	37.70	
44	1.65	17.40	
47	2.55	26.10	
50	1.80	18.85	
52	5.55	49.40	
53	2.25	23.20	4.50
54	1.05	11.40	
55	3.90	35.10	
56	1.95	20.30	
57	21.30	185.90	
58	3.45	31.20	
60	1.65	17.40	
61	1.95	20.30	
62	2.85	26.00	
63	2.55	22.40	
64	7.80	76.85	
67	1.20	13.05	
69	5.85	58.00	
70	4.65	46.40	
71	5.85	52.00	
72	6.90	68.15	
74	2.85	26.00	
75	.90	9.10	
76	5.70	50.70	
77	2.40	22.10	
79	4.95	49.30	
80	6.15	54.60	
82	10.65	93.60	4.40
84	.60	7.25	
85	3.60	36.25	
92	6.75	59.80	
93	6.75	66.70	
94	1.65	15.60	
95	7.05	62.40	
96	4.20	42.05	
98	4.20	42.05	
99	2.25	20.90	1.35
100	1.65	17.40	1.50
102	6.75	59.80	
103	2.40	22.10	
105	6.75	59.80	
108	5.40	48.10	
109	2.40	22.10	
110	3.60	36.25	
111	1.35	14.50	
112	1.20	13.05	
113	1.95	20.30	
115	2.55	23.40	
116	2.40	22.10	
118	5.40	48.10	
119	9.45	83.20	
120	2.40	22.10	
121	2.85	29.00	
122	2.10	21.75	
123	1.50	14.30	
125	2.40	24.65	
127	10.65	93.60	
130	6.90	61.10	
131	.90	9.10	
133	13.20	115.70	1.25
136	2.85	29.00	
138	.30	4.35	
139	2.10	21.75	
141	3.90	35.10	
145	4.05	36.40	
146	3.00	27.30	
147	.75	8.70	
148	1.35	13.00	
151	3.90	35.10	
152	5.10	32.50	
153	3.75	33.80	
156	.90	9.10	
157	1.35	14.50	
159	2.10	19.50	
160	10.95	96.20	
161	.75	8.70	
162	.60	7.25	
163	1.35	13.00	
165	4.50	40.30	
166	2.10	10.50	
167	2.25	20.80	7.50
168	1.50	14.30	
173	6.60	58.50	8.10

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174	.90	9.10	
176	2.10	19.50	
177	3.90	35.10	2.70
178	1.65	15.60	
179	5.70	50.70	
180	.75	7.80	
181	7.35	65.00	
185	.60	7.25	
186	.60	7.25	
189	6.75	59.80	
190	5.10	45.50	
192	1.95	20.30	
193	1.35	13.00	
194	2.10	19.50	
195	5.55	49.40	
196	3.00	27.30	
197	1.05	10.40	
198	3.60	32.50	
199	1.20	11.70	
200	7.95	63.05	
201	4.20	37.70	
202	3.15	28.60	
203	2.85	26.00	
204	1.95	20.30	
205	5.55	49.40	
210	2.25	20.80	
211	1.35	13.00	
212	1.80	16.90	

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H. B. A. DOTS

Mr. Sam Scales of Waynesboro, Miss., had Rev. A. L. Orange with him and his lodge a few days ago, and as a result took in eight new members and raised $15.00.

On the first Sunday in September the General President was with Rev. J. M. Moore at Mathersville, president of No: 119, to preach their annual sermon. He reports a splendid time.

Wm. Barnes, president of No. 99, had on a drive for new members in his lodge, and in a meeting recently held took in twenty-one. Go on, Barnes.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION. ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912

Of The Echo, published on the 1st and 15th of each month, at Meridian, 2508 1-2 5th Street, for October 1, 1925.

State of Mississippi,
County of Lauderdale—ss.

Before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Roy L. Young, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor and Business Manager of The Echo, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

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ROY L. YOUNG.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of October, 1925.

(Seal) W. D. ROBERTS, J. P.

My commission expires Jan. 1, 1928.

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BURGLARS MAY SEND BACK GOODS IF NOT SATISFACTORY

A Philadelphia store that was robbed invited the burglars to bring back the goods, they took if not found satisfactory.

Realizing the power of advertising the store inserted a display ad. in local papers headed "Notice! To the Burglars Who Robbed Our Store" The Notice said:

"You boys are not using your powers of observation. 'An unpardonable trait to any burglar.' If you had read our advertisement and noticed our very low prices you could have saved yourself the trouble of 'breaking in' to get the things you wanted. We are glad to know, however, that you prefer OUR merchandise. Every article in our store is absolutely guaranteed by us—whether you buy it or steal it makes no difference. If what you fellows took does not give you good service, bring it back and we will make it good—with the assistance of General Butler.'

P. S.—Special reception for burglars calling after our store is closed. Bring your friends along."

Dr. J. H. Moore of Holly Springs, Miss., is in a critical condition in a Memphis hospital. Dr. Moore is Secreary of Missions in the C. M. E. Church. He was one of the large number who suffered injuries in an awful wreck last Tuesday near Victoria, Miss. A large number of persons were killed.

At peresnt we have a large number of orders for H. B. A. pins. We are out just now but as soon as our orders are sent to us we shall rush them out.

GIVE THANKS, SAYS COOLIDGE IN HIS ANNUAL PROCLAMATION

President Coolidge Wednesday proclaimed Thursday, Nov. 26, as Thanks giving Day, when gratitude should be expressed for "many and great blessings" which have come to the people during the past year.

The proclamation follows:

"By the President of the United States of America.

"A proclamation.

"The season aproaches when in accordance with a long established and respected custom, a day is set apart to give thanks to Almighty God for the manifold blesings which His gracious and benovolent providence has bestowed upon us as a nation and as individuals.

"We have been brought with safety and honor through another year, and, through the generosity of nature, He has blessed us with resources whose potentiality in wealth is almost incalculable; we are at peace at home and abroad; the public health is good; we have been undisturbed by pestilence or great castrophe; our harvests and our industries have been rich in productivity; our commerce spreads over the whole world and labor has been well rewarded for its renumerative service.

"As we have grown and prospered in material things, so also should we progres in mortal and spiritual things. We are a God-fearing people who should set ourselves against evil and strive for righteousness in living, and observing the golden rule, we should from our abundance help and serve those less fortunately placed. We should bow in gratitude to God for His many favors.

"Now, therefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States, do hereby set apart Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November, next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, and I recomend that on that day the people shall cease from their work and in their homes or in their accustomed places of worship, devoutly give thanks to the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received, and to seek His guidance that they may deserve a continuance of His favor.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington, this, twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-five, and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and fiftieth.

"CALVIN COOLIDGE."

Seal.

By the president.

FRANK KELLOG,
Secretary of State.

Notice.

A few weeks ago we stated that we would print the picture of each prize winner in the Echo, provided you send the cut. That does not mean that you can send me the picture of yourself and I will publish it. Your picture will have to be sent to Ala., or some other place and a cut made from it. This will cost at least $4 or $5.00. The cut will be yours and you can make thousands of pictures from your cut or you can run the cut in any paper or magazine you desire. please remember you must furnish the cut.

Rev. R. L. Young held a revival at Hattiesburg, for Rev. E. W. Washington a few days ago. A splendid meeting was had.

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EDITORIAL

The H. B. A. drive was such an overwhelming success that all concerned are desirous of a continued drive. We have decided to make a change in the giving of prizes. Since Nos. three and four are new fields and have so much advantage over one and two, we think it better to offer prizes in each district. This applies to local Presidents and not to General Offices and Agents. Theirs will stand as it stood in the first drive.

There will be two prizes for each district, making a total of eight prizes to local presidents. The prizes will be smaller in one way and larger in another; that is we are offering eight prizes in this drive whereas we offered six in the first drive. The first prizes will be $7.00 and the second will be $5.00, provided the winners will send in at least 12 new members. Any local president falling below 12 will not be eligable to a prize.

Prizes for the General Officers and Agents remain as they were in the first drive. We want to urge each local president as well as each agent to do your best. Let's not fall below 1000 members in the last drive. If we can get one more thousand we will have a total of of 2150 new members in six months. This big drive means much to the Association. This means much to us in paying for our building, it also means much to us as a race. Elsewhere we are giving the standing of the contestants.

ZIONELL REVIVAL

By J. H. JACKSON.

Dear Editor:

Just a few words to let the readers know that the begining of the Revival at Zionell C. M. E. Church, Mt. Olive, Miss., was just grand. Rev. E. F. Young, the beloved pastor, preached as never before. On Oct. 4th, Mrs. Jackson and I enjoyed being present.

We regretted to know that Rev. Young had to leave on Monday, but he had Rev. T. Sanders Jr., to run his meeting for him and we are pleased to state the he kept the fire burning.

We were sorry Rev. Young had to go away but we all know that the "Youngs" and "Olds" are both business men as they are Alpha and Omega in the H. B. A. Wife and I enjoyed the splendid sermons delivered by Rev. T. Saunders Jr. Mrs. Jackson rendered two or three beautiful solos, "I Do, Don't You", and "When the Light Has Gone Out of Your Soul."

I wish to state that the H. B. A's at Mt. Olive lodge No. 116 are going to give a big rally on the 2nd Sunday in November. Come on one Young and be with us, can't you? Yes you can.

J. H. J. No. 116.

Notice.

The Juvenile Board will convene Nov. 25,1925. All guides are asked to collect from your members and make your report on time. We are asking each guide to do her best. The Juvenile department is growing and it is a thing that we all should feel proud of.

D. B. Borders, Secy.

LOCALS.

The Misses Uine and Della Ratlif, spent the past week visiting their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Young. Misses Ratlifs are members of Mt. Pleasant C. M. E. Church and daughters of one of Rev. Youngs' leading Stewards, Mr. Van Ratlif.

Rev. V. T. McLaurin of Collins, Miss., held a two days meeting out at China Mission a few days ago. The meeting was good both spiritually and financially. More than $50.00 was raised. Rev. McLaurin is an energetic young man and we predict for him a prosperous future.

Rev. E. W. Washington held a splendid revival at Collins for Rev R. L. Young a few days ago. Rev. Young and his people have put new pews in thir church, also put in a nice heater. The people at Collins have paid the preacher out and have given him $17.00 on a new suit for conference. The people of Mt. Pleasant are just about out. Their officers and members say they are going to see to it that their pastor makes a round report.

NOTICE.

We have completed our second years payment on the H. B. A. building. Each member who has been in good standing since the first issue came out to collect, is due to have paid $1.10. We have paid $3,300.00 plus interest on the building. We are $200.00 in the advance of our notes and no body is hurt, no one can miss the $1.10 that he has paid.

The first order was given November 15, 1923. You can readily see that the year for colecting ends and

begins Nov. 15th, of each year. We are going to give a few more days on this round.

Each local president is required to collect 55c from each of his members and report it to the ofice not later than Nov. 25, 1925. Those of us who collected 55c from each member will be through for 12 months except from new or renewal members. Now let us all see if we cannot do this and get through. If you will do this we will collect over $2,000.00 which will mean three or four hundred dollars saved in interest. We have two or three lodges that have sent in 55c from each member for 1926.

The report blanks will be out in a few days.

Now listen if it happens that you cannot collect all of your 55c at once, you are permitted to collect 25c on the first payment and then 10 per quarter. If you pay less than 25c it will not put you in good standing. Every president who sends in a round report will be given a nice H. B. A. badge free. We want to see how many loyal members will stick by their presidents and see to it that he reports round. If you have money enough in your treasury, why not pay it in that way and assess each member 55c to be paid by a certain date? It can be done if we make it up in our minds to do it. We are going to see just how many presidents wil get a badge free. If the president fails to get it he is not the cause of not getting it.

Please remember we are on a new year and it matters not how much you have paid you are due 55c by the 25th, of November.

THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED.

The Holy Spirit shall bring to your remembrance all that I have said.

Remember to smile and wait awhile.

Remember to be slow to judge others.

Remember to be slow in acknowledging defeat.

Remember to be slow to anger.

Remember to rest in confidence for results from your spoken word.

Remember that hurry makes discord, while poise brings harmony and success.

Remember to work in poise. Await the proper time for doing things. Do not try to eat persimmons before they are ripe.

Remember to make your affirmations positively and calmly and expectantly await their manifestation. The manifestation will be repaid in proportion to your understanding and faith, not in proportion to your hurry or worry.

Remember that persons who do things according to law and order do not need to be in a hurry.

Remember that hurry is confusion; calmness is efficiency.

Remember to be slow in argument.

Remember to be slow to state your opinions. It is best to prove them before taking up other people's time with them.

Remember never work any faster than you can work without making mistakes.

Remember that hurry is superficial; speed is real. Hurry is a disorderly use of energy, while speed is a real result of wisely directed energy.

Remember to wait in the realization of God's omipresence.

Remember to rest in omnipotent goodness.

Remember to put away hurry and worry if you want to have time really to do something.— UNITY.

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Those persons who are to receive back money will have your checks coming in a few days. We shall get the Bond interest out in short. We have already sent out a part of the back money and we are quite sure that all persons will have their money ere you get this notice.

Prof. F. B. Bryant of Collins has remodeled his home. It is a thing of beauty. Revs. Washington and Young took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, while the meeting was in progress at Collins.

Mr. Frank Willis of this city had a light stroke a few days ago. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

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Standing of Contestants.

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Just look who is at the bat so soon.

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LOCAL PRESIDENTS
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R. F. Clark No. 33 3
Derias Craft, No. 176, ... 3
D. H. Watson, No. 72 1

DISTRICT No. 2.

A. L. Brown, No. 122 2

DISTRICT No. 3.

M. J. Phillips, No. 224, ... 12
H. J. Green, No. 165, ... 8
J. D. Pace No. 177, ... 3
C. C. Mitchell No. 153, ... 2
E. M. Dunn No. 178, ... 1

DISTRICT No. 4.

J. M. Thompson No. 23, ... 14
W. M. Barnes No. 99, ... 9
J. H. Harvey No. 115, ... 6
J. M. Hall No. 198, ... 4
A. Alford No. 55 1
C. L. Brown No. 92, ... 1
F. H. Hamilton No. 156, ... 1

Come on down the line boys, this thing is hot to start with. You know it makes you feel good when you make a showing.

Mr. S. B. Bell, Mr. Curtis Miller and Rev. R. H. Pack, visited our office a few days ago. Mr. Bell is the hustling president of No. 31. Bell won a prize in the 90-day drive. He says he wants one more. Rev. Pack is one of our leading Baptist Ministers. He is a production of the Baptist Seminary of this city. Rev. Pack states that he and his members are planning to build a new church very soon.

Prof. Shadwick and his Uncle were in the office a few days ago.

Rev. M. W. Wilson stepped in to see us, come again.

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KEEP CLEAN

By Mrs. R. L. Young.

Whenever I have a chance to say or write anything at all I canot help but touch the moral question of which I am greatly concerned. I have seen and continue to see quite a bit that tells me that the morals of our young people, our men and our women are not what they should be.

In every community we have men and women, boys and girls, who have became victims of immorality. In fact this moral question is a serious one. We find so much immorality among some of our church people, our so called christians that it is greatly sapping the life out of the church. Some of our christian people are not trying to keep their records any cleaner than the people who are on the outside, and as a result, we as christians, to an extent are losing ground. The sinner has but little faith in us. He doubts our sincerity, and this doubt begins in the pulpit and comes on down to the most insignificant bench member. What a great thing it would be if we had more men and women who were striving to keep their records clean. Do you know that the greatest thing that can be said of any man or woman is, that he or she has kept his or her record clean. A number of us endeavor to do both the right and the wrong. In doing this, we fail. It might be that no noe can say definitely "I know this or that on brother or sister so and so" but facts are made known anyway, in that you have no power in your community. Yo do not stand for anything. You haven't much of a reputation and you yourself know you are nothing. Reputation is one thing and character is another. Reputation is what people think you are, and character is what you yourself know you are. The world wants men and women of character and not so much reputation. The church needs you, and the business world is calling for you.

The residents of every community are accustomed to community gossip. We find some of it to be true, and some of it is not, but let us forget all of the community talk and seek spiritual revivication. Were I to utter a prayer right now, it would not only be for God to get into the hearts of sinner men and women, boys and girls, but it would be for his presence in our hearts, and in our souls, as well, in order that we as christian people might be able to lift Him up, for He has said "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." So the thing for us to do is to seek a renewal of our own spirits so as to lift Him up and he will do the rest. To do this we must forget all and ask forgiveness of the little evils we have done one towards another.

Men, let me appeal to you to be men; be husbands in the truest sense of the word. Live for your wives as you would like for them to live for you. Women be true, not for the sake of man alone, but be true to yourselves. You owe it to yourselves as mothers, as wives, and as women.

If one should make a mistake deal with him or her as you would like to be dealt with. We are all human and subject to error. None of us are perfect. It is not the worst thing in the world to fall, but it becomes the worst thing in the world to stay down after you have fallen. Do you know that we have a number of individuals wallowing in the ditch today because they have and are being crushed by fellowmen and women who are guilty of the same and similar acts no doubt, and if they are not they perhaps would be if approached under the same circumstances as the fellow who has fallen. Let us be careful how we throw stones. He that is without fault let him cast the first stone.

Oh, Mothers of a mighty nation! as women we have a great responsibility resting upon our shoulders. Don't be weak. If you have a home don't let anyone come in and destroy the peace and happiness of it. As young ladies see to it that your virtue is not destroyed. Women are very different from men. Once a woman is down, she is down forever. Once a man is down all he has to do is to brush up, change suits and he is up again, and the pitiful thing is that we as women will help him up while we crush the life out of our own sex. It matters not how a woman tries to reform for years afterwards you hear these words: "She need not try to do this or that because she did so and so" but for the man we say "You know so and so surely has come out." He did this or that but he surely has made a man of himself This, of course, is unjust to our sex but it always has been this way, and I suppose always will be.

As fathers and mothers let us live pure and clean lives. Get your hearts right, for out of it comes the issues of life. Make the fountain clean and the waters that flow from it will be pure. Make the heart clean and the life will be clean. Be cause you might be guilty of some little dirty or unbecoming act is no reason why you should not clean up. If you have some impure thoughts lurking around your hearts throw them out. Just as a soiled garment may be washed so the heart may be purified and made clean. When I say the heart can be purified, I do not mean to say that we can prevent

evil thoughts from entering into our minds, for this we cannot do, but we can prevent them from building nests for they stay and live where they are fed. If you are going to be a bad man or woman be the best, be that and nothing else. If you are going to be good be that.

If you can't be a tree on the top of the hill
Be a scrub in the valey, but be
The best litle scrub at the side of the rill
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.
If you can't be a bush, be a bit of the grass,
Some highway the happier to make.
If you can't be a muskie be a bass,
But the livliest little bass in the lake.

We can't all be captains, we've got to be the crew,
There's a big work to do and there's lesser to do.
And the task we must do is right near.
If you can't be the sun be a star,
If you can't be the highway be a trail
For it isn't by size that we win or fail,
Be the best of what you are.

Notice.

The Juvenile Board will convene Nov. 25,1925. All guides are asked to collect from your members and make your report on time. We are asking each guide to do her best. The Juvenile department is growing and it is a thing that we all should feel proud of.

D. B. Borders, Secy.

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Standing of Contestants for the second 90-days membership drive, which ends in the December Board.

Somebody is going to knock a home run. Strike One!

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R. L. Young 13

Agents.

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B. T. Clark, No. 33 3
J. J. Overstreet, No. 39 2
D. H. Watson, No. 72 1

District No. 2.

A. L. Brown, No. 122 2

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J. D. Pace, No. 177 3
C. C. Mitchell No. 152 3
R. C. Chapman, No. 193 2
E. M. Dunn, No. 178 1
B. McCormick, No. 195 1

District No. 4.

J. M. Thompson, No. 23 14
W. M. Barnes No. 99 9
C. H. Moody, No. 148 7
J. H. Harvey, No. 115 6
W. J. Rankin No. 133, ... 5
J. M. Hall, No. 198 4
C. C. Toliver, No. 179 2
A. Alford, No. 55, ... 1
C. L. Brown, No. 92 1
F. H. Hamilton, No. 156 1

We have sent out all back moneys from the last board. We have also sent out checks to the winners in the contest. We shall do our best to send out the bond interest before the next board.

The news comes to us that Mr. D. B. Border president of No. 9 and secretary of the Juvenile department was injured in an automobile accident a few nights ago. Mr. Borders was on his way home from his daily job. We are informed that a number of his teeth were knocked out by the overturning of the car.

90-DAY H. B. A. DRIVE

Continues to December Board

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H. B. A. DEATH LIST.

This list is tentative. We have some presidents who have sent in deaths, but have failed to send in a statement from the doctor and undertaker as required by the convention. I am including all of the names that have been sent in to me in this issue. I have not had time to see if all are in good standing, therefore this notice is subject to change Any president who has not sent in statements from doctors and undertakers for your deceased members, they will not appear in the next issue and the next issue will carry the final number that is to be paid off in the December Board. If they are not paid off, please remember you are to blame.

Nos. One and Two.

1. Henry Williams No. 32, died July 7, 1925; B. Brown president, Meridian, Miss.

2. Lillie Lee No. 70, died August 19, 1925; Tom Simth president, Complete, Miss.

3. Mary Carter No. 138, died September 1, 1925; Rev. I. P. Triplett president, Brooksville, Miss.

4. Bobbie Johnson, No. 33, died October 14, 1925; Ruffus Clark president, Meridian, Miss.

5. Prince Irby No. 9. died October 24, 1925; D. B. Borders president, Meridian, Miss.

6. Parthenia Deloach No. 28, died August 29, 1925; Mr. M. V. B. Pitts president, Toomsuba, Miss.

7. Tolie Long No. 47, died September 23, 1925; W. M. Burton president, Meridian, Miss.

8. Prince Johnson No. 11, died October 1, 1925; A. T. Shadwick president, Meridian, Miss.

9. Alford Shadwick No. 139, died October 28, 1925; A. T. Shadwick president, Meridian, Miss.

10. E. V. Hutton No. 3, died September 21, 1925; B. W. Radcliff president, Russell, Miss.

Nos. Three and Four.

1. W. M. Harthorn No. 62, died September 8, 1925; C. H. Watts president, Prentiss, Miss.

2. Jerrie Priegh No. 130, died August 16, 1925; H. Hayes president, Shubuta, Miss.

3. J. A. Smith No. 115, died September 9, 1925; J. H. Harvey president, Sumrall, Miss.

4. Fannie Loflin No. 57, died September 21, 1925; W. C. McLeod president, Bassfield, Miss.

5. Lizzie Funches No. 133, died September 30, 1925; W. J. Rankins president, Magee, Miss.

6. Mandy Jones No. 123, died November 4, 1925; Mrs. Annie Slay president, Crandall, Miss.

Please remember that this list is subject to change if you as president do not comply with the law. It would be advisable for the lodges to inquire into this matter and find out as to whether your president has done his duty. I shall be glad to answer your requests.

R. L. YOUNG, Secy.

P. S. The Boards will meet Dec. 26,-28,-29,-31, 1925. We shall be at Black Water No. 122 on the 26th; on the 28th, at Mathesville No. 125; on the 29th at Newton, Miss, with No. 94; on the 31st at Sumrall, Miss with No. 115.

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LOOK WHAT HAPPENED!

We promised to give each local President a badge free, provided he collected 55c from each member of his lodge and sent it in on the H. B. A. building fund.

The following Presidents have reported in full for 1925-26:

J. Johnson, No. 4; J. W. Poke, No. 222; J. C. Coleman, No. 112; A. M. Sanderson, No. 158; M. J. Phillips, No. 224; R. W. White, No. 75; W. L. Mc Dade No. 85; J. M. Hall, No. 198; S. Knight, No. 131; Hattie Smith No. 40; Geo. Quincy, No. 146; C. H. Moody, No. 148; Derias Croft, No. 176; B. J. Williams, No. 120; A. L. Brown, No. 122 and J. H. Drakford, No. 80.

We have sixteen presidents who have made round reports on the building and they are still coming. All presidents who get in all of their building fee by the 20th, of December, not later than the 20th, may have a badge free. This will give those who have paid a part, a chance to go back and finish collecting. I shall do my best to send your badges in a few days.

The following persons from South Miss., visited the Mississippi Conference at Brooksville, last week: Rev. H. B. Leach, T. Sanders Sr,, H. C. Chapman, S. E. Gibson, R. L. Young, D. M. Mongomery and E. F. Young. A grand time was had.

NOTICE

To the Presidents of the H. B. A: Please do not tear off the "H. B. A. Official Receipt" and send it to me, I cannot use it. You are to send me the application blank and give the receipt to the person joining. Please tell me what good I shall be able to get out of the receipt.

R. L. Y.

URGE ARMED FORCE AGAINST LYNCHING

Law enforcement officers in Mississippi including sheriffs , their deputies and others, are urged to use armed forces and risk their own lives in suppressing lynching and mob violence, in a phamlet entitled "Mississippi and the mob," which will be widely distriuted this week by state officials, officers and leading members of the State Bar Association and prominent citizens who contributed signed articles to the series.

The foreword to the 78 page pamphlet bears the signature of J. N. Flowers, former assistant attorney general and new president of the state Bar Association and attorney for the state banking department. Mr. Flowers makes the flat statement that a sheriff should either prevent a lynching or forfeit his office. "It appears that the law enforcement officers yield to superior numbers without a struggle—as if it were not expected of them to resist; as if they were only expected to enforce the law where the thing is easy and their authority respected; as if they had no greater duty by reason of their oath and office."

Bailey Adds Declaration

Ringing declarations against mob violence by Governor H. L. Whitfield, Thomas L. Bailey, speaker of the House of Representatives and Judges Holden, Anderson, Etheridge and McGowen of the Mississippi supreme court are among the signed statements making up the bulk of the pamphlet. Lynching is also vigorously condemed by such outstanding citizens as Congressman B. G. Lowrey of the second district, Webb Venable,former circuit Judge and congressman; Judge D. W. Houston, of Aberdeen, former member of the supreme court and now vice-president of the American Bar Association; Judge Stone Deavours of Laurel; George J. Leftwich of Aberdeen; J. S. Sexton of Hazelhurst, A. T. Stovall of Okolona; R. V. Campbell of Greenville; T. Brady, Jr., of Brookhaven and R. E. Wilbourne of Meridian.

The South Mississippi Annual Conference of the C. M. E. Church was a glowing success at Gloster, Miss., a few days ago. The following clericals were elected delegates to the General Conference: Revs. H. B. Leach, R. L. Young, D. M. Mongomery, S. E. Gibson, E. B. Blackman, T. Sanders, Sr., J. W. Brown and H. C. Chapman, alternate.

Rev. Leach and Young tied for the chairmanship of the delegation.

The Lay delegation: Prof. J. R. Ramsey, W. H. Randolph, J. E. Ship, C. I. Chapman, S. C. Edwards, W. M. Patton, T. A. Neyland, alternate. One other was elected, but we do not have the name just now.

It is very pleasing to know that the Presidents are responding so favorably in collecting their 55c per member on the H.B.A. building. Too much praise cannot be given the presidents. All the credit cannot be given to the presidents, for without a loyal set of members the presidents could not collect it. Whereever there is a failure, I think it is the members and not the presidents for, as a matter of fact, any president would be glad to collect all of it and get a badge free. I know there will be a few members who will do their best to keep the president from succeeding but succeed any way.

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EDITORAL

As we walk the streets of our city, we are made to feel proud. Our city is greatly improving, streets and avenues are being paved in every direction. Beautiful buildings are being erected on every hiltop. In the East End on 14th avenue and 21st street, a big Knitting Mill is now being erected. When this mill is completed it will give more than 150 or 200 of our girls work to do. This is something that we should feel proud of. Not only should we feel proud, but we should reflect and ask ourselves a question: What are we, as a race, doing to help our own boys and girls? We complain to often about the white man will not pay much for labor, and we cannot get certain jobs. Have you once thought that the white man is making jobs for his own children. Why shouldn't he? He is right for giving the best jobs to his own folks. Do you blame him? If we as a race want a good nice, respectable paying job for ourselves and children. Let's get out and make some jobs. I grow prouder each day of my life, when I think of the fact, that we as H. B. A's have bought a home in Meridian. Some one may laugh to scorn but what do we care, its ours. The Kaye-Repshire Company is fixing to erect a new brick building by the side of ours. Did you know that this building will enhance the value of our property? No doubt in five years from this date, our property will be worth $20.000. The H. B. A. must not stop with a little building, but when we have covered the state and 200,000 strong, I see a big H. B. A. hospital going up. I see colored doctors and colored nurses in this hospital doing all they can for unfortunate H. B. A's, and members of our race. The narrow minded fellow, the fellow who will always be a tool for some one else will say no, I don't want that, I have not a home for myself and I don't want one for any body else. Have you thought about that same fellow is buying homes every day for some body else? Listen friends, if a man cannot buy a home for himself, somebody has sense enough to make that man buy a home for some one else. The man who has the most sense gets by the easiest. The fellow who has a little sense has a hard time trying to get by.

A large number of our people have nothing to do, they must depend upon the white man for a job. Why is this true? Because we have no business of our own. Let us try to do more for ourselves. There will be people to criticise you, but what does that matter? Some time ago there were those who criticed the H. B. A. building project but just look where they are and look where we are. We are in the house and they may be out of doors. We have paid $3,600 on our property, and no body is hurt. We are still paying death claims and dues, and no body is hurt. We are still H. B. A's, and nobody is hurt. It takes a good strong house to withstand big wind storms. When the state demanded that the Assoc., put up a bond, it was the best thing that ever happened. If it had not been for that, the H. B. A. would have hit the ceiling. I have decided that I don't want to be in anything that is not worth some money. It amounts to the same thing that suing a fellow who has nothing but an old pair of pants with a hole in each knee will amount to. Suppose a fellow has an old Ford that is worth $35.00 and he runs into your nice Buick Sedan, scratches it up, breaks the glasses and ruins the head lights etc.

His car is not insured, and the old car is all he has. What good will it do you to sue him? Suppose you sue and get judgment what good will that do? What will it profit you to belong to an insurance that you cannot compell to pay off? Some one may say they must pay off or go out of business. What will it profit you if it goes out of business? Paying off is what you want and not going out of business. I am sure I feel safter trusting my money in property and bonds rather than paying it out without any protection. "He that hath ears let him hear, he that hath eyes let him see" for you will feel after a little.

Dear Secretary:

I wish to thank you for the check you sent me as a prize in the big drive. My people and I are doing our best to make the drive a success.

Mrs. Ella Morrell, Pres. No. 76.

Dear Editor:

I have received my check for the prize won in the drive. I was greatly surprised. I did not know you all meant that.

D. H. Watson, Agent.

Dear Editor:

Please allow space in your paper for me to say No. 67 had her Annual Sermon the 4th Sunday in October. We raised $6.00 and took in three members. Lessie Rhone, C. H. Chambers and Mary Pearson.

M. A. Trussell, Pres.
Ellen Steward, Sec.

Waynesboro, Miss.

Mr. R. L. Young:

I am pleased to receive my check for winning in the first H. B. A. drive. I hope to be one to win in the next. I am after it. Number 190 means to do big things.

A. L. Orange, Pres.

Dear Secretary:

I have received my prize and gone again. Thank you.

Thos. Blakney, Agent.

Dear Editor:

Just a few lines to let the members and friends of the H. B. A. know that Number 85 is moving on. Some times the way seems dark, but we thank God the light is now come. We are making members in our lodge now. We are doing big things. Of course I am the little secretary of No. 85, but it takes little things to make big things. I want to keep on until I get to be like our son Rev. R. L. Young. He was once a little fellow, but he is a big fellow now at the head of a big thing. Hoping this will not find its way to the waste basket,

Ida E. Bell, Secy. No. 85.

Dear Editor:

Just a line to let the readers know that I went over to lodge No. 122 and installed its officers; Mr. A .L. Brown is local president. I went to brother F. L. Key's lodge and made a talk. We had a big time. His lodge and members are O. K.

Agent T. J. McWilliams.

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W. M. Barnes, No. 99	17
J. M. Thompson, No. 23	14
J. H. Harvey, No. 115	12
J. M. Hall, No. 198	11
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W. J. Rankins, No.133	6
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The following amounts have been sent in since the Board, but the lodges were organized before the board. The members were counted in last drive and will not be counted in this one.

J. C. Jordon, No. 215	19
M. J. Phillips, No. 224	12
Ed McLemore, No. 213	9

District No. 4 is shining. It's hard to tell who is going to knock a "homer". Well boys the time is not as long as it has been. The cash is just waiting on you. If you want it, you can get it, but you must work for it. Watch the next issue.

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6. Mandy Jones No. 123, died November 4, 1925; Mrs. Annie Slay president, Crandall, Miss.

7. Sam Pickens, No. 119, died October 15, 1925. John Moore, pres.

8. A. Davis, died November 18, 1925, No. 109, C. Franklin, president, Laurel, Miss.

9. A. Sellers, died November 16, 1925, No. 118, T. Thames, president, Weatbesby, Miss.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The date of the H. B. A. Board for District No. 4 has been changed from Dec. 31 to Dec. 30.

H. B. A. No. 1 meets at Schamberville, Miss., on December 28, with President R. B. Lewis of No. 125. Persons leaving Meridian may catch the bus and go out about 18 miles to Pleasant Ridge Church. Number 2 will meet at Blackwater with No. 122 out at Daleville, Miss., Saturday, Dec. 26. Number 3 will meet at Newton, Miss., with Lodge No. 94, S. Cooley, President. Number 4 will meet at Sumrall, Miss., with No. 115, J. H. Harvey, President, Dec. 30.

All presidents will please look on your blanks and whatever date is on your blank please govern yourself accordingly. If your blank says 12-26-25 go to Blackwater on Saturday; if it says 12-28-25, go to Schamberville on Monday; if it says 12-29-25, go to Newton on Tuesday; if it says 12-30-25, go to Sumrall on Wednesday.

All presidents of Nos. 1 and 2 will please collect $1.60 dues and death claims. All presidents of Nos. 3 and 4 will please collect $1.00 dues and death claims. All presidents who did not report in the last Board will please collect from your lodge $1.75 Echo and publication fee. This applies to all new lodges that were not represented in the last Board. The old lodges paid their fees in the last Board. New presidents please do not fail to collect this amount. It is compulsory. We are urging each local president to make a round report.

We are going to have a nice surprise to give each president and his members, something that you have never had before. We are going to give it to you and your members free, therefore please come around.

NOTICE

Some members and presidents are still asking if it is time for them to pay another 55c on the building. I have tried to make it clear that the new collection always begins in November of each year. Everybody in the Association owed 55c on the first of November. It matters not if you paid 55c in October, the new year for the building collection began in November. Every president and every member who has not paid, owes 55c, and as soon as it is paid you will be in good and regular standing.

H. B. A. buttons and badges are ordered but they have not reached us yet. They will hardly be ready before the Board. Be sure to meet the boards and you can get your buttons and badges. A large number of the presidents will get a badge free since they have collected 55c from all of their members on the building fund.

Mrs. Mary Trawick of H. B. A. No. 50 died Dec. 14. The lodge of which she was a member went to the C. B. A. She did not follow the lodge, though her husband was in the number that went the other way. She went to No. 50 and died an H. B. A.

Mr. Curtis Bourdeaux, who has been in training at the Cincinnati School of Embalming, Cincinnati, Ohio, stood the state examination a few days ago and made a high average. We hope he will be able to render satisfactory service to our people.

The 90-day H. B. A. drive is almost at its end. We are expecting a big leap at the Boards. Some one will win the prize. We hope our presidents will bring in at least 500 members at the Boards. The prizes are now ready.

NOTICE TO AGENTS

Please see to it that the lodges you have organized and installed since the last Boards have their report blanks on hand. If they do not report in the Board they are not counted as members of the association. A number of the agents claim to be doing work, and are not reporting it. We trust you are aware of the fact that until you make a report of your work there is nothing doing.

Mr. D. B. Borders, secretary of the Juvenile Department of the Holbrook Benevolent Association, lost his wife, Maggie Borders, a few days ago. Mr. Borders has our sympathy.

Dear Secretary: In reading "The Echo" I find that you made a mistake in stating the place where the H. B. A. Board is to be held on the 28th. It is to be at Schamberville instead of Mathersville. Therefore, I am asking you to make the correction so that the readers may forget about Mathersville and look forward to coming to Pleasant Ridge Church, Schamberville, Miss., on the 28th.

I am pleased to tell you that I have renewed three new members from the C. B. A. since the last Board.

R. B. LEWIS,
Rt. 2 No. 28.
Schamberville, Miss.

Dear Editor: Please allow space in "The Echo" for me to say that the young people of Enondale, under the supervision of our pastor, Rev. J. H. Hendrick, and Rev. N. O. Grant, put over a successful rally on Nov. 29. We raised around $100.00. Miss Bessie Moore won the prize.

MARY H. MOORE,
Lodge No. 56.

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Since Christmas is approaching we take this means of greeting our many friends and readers. We wish for you Christmas cheer, peace and happiness. We have all been wonderfully blessed, and while we look forward to spending a jolly Christmas, let us not forget our less fortunate brother and sister. Let us not be like Bob Craichit in the "Christmas Carol"—dislike to give even kind words, for there are many among us who would appreciate a friendly smile, a warm handshake, or a few words in their interest from the more fortunate brother or sister. Were we to enter into the Christmas spirit we would not think only of ourselves, but would help to make other hearts glad. Christmas is not meant to give costly gifts—just share what you have with others, for it matters not how little you might have, there is always some one who has less. If there is any season that all hearts should be made glad it is the Yuletide, and every individual should cultivate the spirit of the writer:

"If any little love of mine
May make a life the sweeter,
If any little care of mine
May make a friend the fleeter;
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Rev. E. B. Blackman, presiding elder of the Meridian district, has called his ministers' council to meet at Bassfield, Miss., December 31.

Rev. R. L. Young and his members at Mt. Pleasant and Collins, Miss., are putting forth efforts to raise every dime of their general funds on watch night. The members all seem pleased to have their pastor return.

Revs. E. F. Young and Wm. Watkins of Bassfield and Lauderdale circuits also have on plans to raise their general funds on watch night.

Among the many Southern cities bidding for the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, which is to be held in May, Memphis was the successful bidder. The committee on location announced a few days ago it had chosen Memphis as the site. Bishop Hay of the M. E. Church, South, has been chosen to deliver the fraternal message to the General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, which will convene next May.

REMOVAL NOTICE

After December 17, the Johnson Printery, which is now located at 13th Street and 32nd Avenue, will be located in the H. B. A. building, 2508 Fifth Street. Mr. Johnson is an experienced printer and was at one time the official printer for the Holbrook Benevolent Association.

USE AND ABUSE OF THE PARDONING POWER

(Commercial Appeal)

Governor Peay made no mistake in granting pardons to the 23 Shelby county workhouse prisoners whose splendid work during the recent fire at the institution probably saved the entire plant from destruction.

Commissioner E. W. Hale was on the scene, and it was through his efforts that the men were freed. The commissioner attended to the necessary preliminaries and then made a trip to Nashville to present the plea for executive clemency. The attitude of Mr. Hale is to be commended.

These prisoners, of course, were not voluntary occupants of the workhouse. They were minor offenders paying the penalty for their transgressions. They longed for freedom.

During the confusion they might have escaped, but they chose to remain and aid in fighting the flames. By their works they proved they were not lost to all sense of duty, that the possibilities for good were still strong within them.

It is very easy to put the poor and friendless offender behind walls and bars. It is mighty hard to land the rich and influential law violator in a prison cell.

Ordinarily the friendless convict has to serve his term. Send a man of influence to prison and his friends outside never cease in their efforts to get him out, and usually they are successful long before the sentence is completed.

These pardoned workhouse convicts were of the humble class, but after proving themselves they learned that those having charge over them were their friends.

Twenty of the 23 pardoned men were negroes, and that fact should not be overlooked. Especially should members of the negro race remember it. We believe that our criminal courts are dealing out even-handed justice, ignoring race and creed.

There has been complaint about the conduct of some of our magistrates' courts, but we have hopes that in time they will be so constituted that justice will reign supreme.

Undoubtedly the pardoning power has been abused at times in this and in other states. Sometimes, perhaps, executives have unwisely given ear to the importunings of those who used political expediency as an argument. But in the majority of instances, we believe, where an error was made, the executives have let pleas of mercy outweigh the cause of justice.

The president of the United States and the governors of states should be permitted to retain the power to pardon now vested in them. It would be a mistake to deprive executives of this authority. Mercy, and even justice itself, demands that some one should be empowered to say, "Go thy way and sin no more."

But those whom we have chosen to rule should be careful that they use, and not abuse, the authority given them.

In the case of the Shelby county workhouse prisoners the power to pardon was not abused.

We are now sending out the bond interest. All lodges organized since we sent out the last bond interest are not entitled to anything. Those that were organized before it was sent out are due the interest.

We want to urge all presidents to please be at the Boards on time. The days are short and we have a lot to do. The local presidents are too careless about sending in death proofs. I can name men now who have had deceased members more than a month ago and they have not sent in the death notice yet.

Dear Editor: Please allow space in your paper for me to say No. 76 had her annual sermon the first Sunday in December, and we had quite a nice time. Everybody seemed to have enjoyed the occasion. We raised $11.85, which we placed in our H. B. A. treasury.

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4. Fannie Loflin No. 57, died September 21, 1925; W. C. McLeod president, Bassfield, Miss.

5. Lizzie Funches No. 133, died September 30, 1925; W. J. Rankins president, Magee, Miss.

6. Mandy Jones No. 123, died November 4, 1925; Mrs. Annie Slay president, Crandall, Miss.

7. Sam Pickens, No. 119, died October 15, 1925. John Moore, pres.

8. A. Davis, died November 18, 1925, No. 109, C. Franklin, president, Laurel, Miss.

9. A. Sellers, died November 16, 1925, No. 118, T. Thames, president, Weathesby, Miss.

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